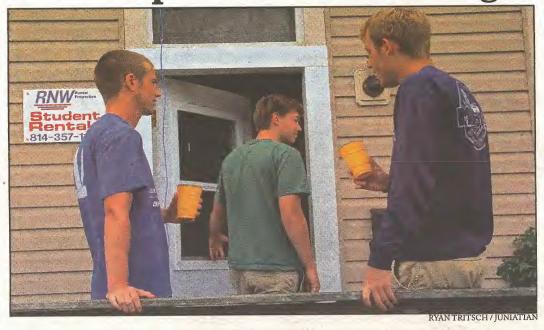
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2013 Skeptical residents push for new borough ordinances

By MATT ELIAS

With 200 students living in off-campus houses this year, the increasing number of student rental properties raises concern for Huntingdon residents.

A group of Huntingdon residents has presented the borough council with two primary concerns about student housing in the community. The increasing density of student rental properties is noted as the major concern, especially within neighborhoods where dent rental houses outnumber residential homes. Additionally, the Huntingdon residents requested a new ordinance that limits the permanence of student rental property signs.

Huntingdon residents seeking to protect their property investments oppose the spread of student rental homes. Property



Locals worry that student rental houses may harm property values due to unsightly signs and loud college residents.

value and unsightly rental property signs are concerns for several local residents.

hood is drastically different from the perspective of residential fami-

"The view on the neighbor- lies to that of students. Students are a unique population in that they are transient in nature. Based

on this transience, students do not necessarily consider themselves members of a neighborhood or a community," said Sarah Worley, assistant professor of communication.

"I live next to two student rental properties and have many others on my block," Worley said. "Over the past five years my family has had nearly no issues regarding the students who live in the surrounding properties. However, there is still a stigma surrounding student rental houses."

Other Huntingdon residents have echoed Worley's statements, claiming that they have also had good experiences with student houses.

"I don't mind living near students at all," said Huntingdon resident Seth Herrington. "I recently moved into town and have had

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Campus inaccessibility

By ZACH LEMON

While the new residence hall will be accessible to physically disabled persons, the first five years of the campus master plan does not involve any renovation projects for currently inaccessible buildings, according to Robert Yelnosky, vice president of finance and operations.

"We have a lot of buildings that aren't fully accessible. It's not something that we duck. We recognize that that's the case and when we have opportunities we try to address those issues as best we can," said Yelnosky.

"We just finished the master plan at the end of 2011 and through that process we looked at three guiding principles; community, accessibility and sustainability, as three of the things that drive what we do," said Yelnosky. He cited examples of improvements to the campus' accessibility.

"With the renovation of Ellis last year, we made changes to the Post Office desk so that it's now accessible and people can walk up to an accessible place right there,' said Yelnosky. He also spoke of improvements to Good Hall's handicapped parking. According to Yelnosky there are plans in the future for an addition to Good Hall and a further renovation of Ellis Hall.

"Good Hall is not in the first five years of the campus master plan, it's in the five to 20 year [range]," said Yelnosky.

According to Jack Barlow, Charles A. Dana professor of politics and chair of the department of politics, Good Hall was built in 1906, with the wings added in the 1960s. This means that Good Hall was built before the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) was passed.

"The way the ADA is structured is: if you have an old building and you do nothing with the old building, you're fine. You don't have to come into compliance with the ADA," said Barlow. The ADA does include stipulations to promote accessibility when it comes to renovating buildings.

"Let's say the building is worth a million dollars and you spend half a million dollars on renovations then, you're required to bring the whole building into compliance with the ADA," said Barlow.

Some see Good Hall as lacking in accessibility.

"The ground floor is more or less accessible and there is a restroom that is accessible," said Barlow. "However, in the classrooms, none of the room doors are up to code. There are things that need to be done."

Phillip Dunwoody, associate professor of psychology, also has an office in Good Hall. Dunwoody agrees on the academic halls' limited accessibility.

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Frisbee golf course soars onto campus

By SETH RUGGIERO

Senior Andy Blunk, with the help of the newly formed disc golf club, has spearheaded an effort to bring the sport of disc golf to the community.

Blunk has outlined nine-hole course to be constructed within the upcoming months on the land adjacent to Brumbaugh Academic Center.

"Having a course will add to the Juniata community so much, so there is no reason not to have it," said Blunk. "With that, we came up with a proposal that we sent to Jessica Mumford, the director of student activities, just saying that we want to make a disc golf course, how do we do it?"

"With how passionate Andy is and the students with him, they're really excited about this," said Mumford. "They're trying to get local sponsorship as well, and I know some faculty and staff members that are very interested, so that's definitely helpful."

The addition of this sport is ideal for college students as it benefits both the mind and wallet.

"Disc golf is really the main thing I missed when coming to Juniata," said Blunk. "There's something relaxing about this sport, especially if you're with friends, so it's perfect for the stressful college en-



Seniors Andy Blunk and Ryan Dempsey practice on what will be the second hole of Juniata's nine-hole Frisbee golf course. Blunk designed the course and obtained funding for the project. The course will be located directly behind Brumbaugh Academic Center and along Moore Street.

vironment. It's this competitive atmosphere that's counter-balanced with a social atmosphere, and it's so stress free because it's free. There's no worries if you're playing bad, because you don't really lose anything."

While the course will be free to use, the disc golf club must first raise the money to cover construction and equipment costs.

"Altogether the course will cost about \$4,500," said Blunk, "and that includes the disc golf baskets and shipping, installation costs through facilities, course signs and rubber run-up pads, and we want to buy more discs so

that anyone can play whenever they want."

The club is expecting to receive \$3,000 from student senate, which leaves \$1,500 that still needs to be raised.

Sophomore John Tomchick, an active member of the disc golf club, had a few suggestions on how the club could raise money.

"My suggestion to raise money was to hold a competition to see who could achieve the furthest drive using a disc. Participants would pay a small fee to try, and whoever achieved the farthest

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Confession: social media policy sets common sense rules online

By KAYCI NELSON

The Juniata marketing department has recently established a social media policy to ensure campus professionals and administrators are liable for what they post on social media outlets and to establish common sense principles for posting online.

"I see it more as guidelines for behavior," said John Wall, director of media relations. "Up until a year-and-a-half ago, social media was seen as an interesting marketplace for ideas. It soon became clear that if you are doing social media for a business or an entity other than yourself, then you have to really be careful what you say."

"It is more of an awareness of potential liability and an intention that those who act as agents of the College, the professionals who are in charge of executing business of the College, think before they post," said Gabriel Welsch, vice president for advancement and marketing.

"It is social media, so things aren't always taken as you intend them to be taken. We asked the student athletes to think about what they say before they say it. I will never tell anybody they can't express themselves because that is why you have social media," said Jennifer Jones, director of sports

"I think that an open social media policy at the College is a necessity. I knew half my class before I even came here due to Facebook pages for the class, which was very welcoming," said sophomore Mori Hitchcock.

The social media policy, created by Wall and Genna Kasun, assistant director of marketing, was established to ensure that professionals of the College use common sense when posting online.

"Sometimes when there is a disconnect between our responsibilities institutionally and professionally between the perfectly valid things we do in our own lives, particularly at a place that does much of its commerce through reputation, we want people to be more mindful of things they may do or say for which there is liability," said Welsch.

"The entire reason to have social media is to express who you are, what you like or what you don't like. What I would stress to them (athletes) is to just think about the kind of image you're putting out there," said Jones. "It's your right to represent yourself however you want to represent yourself. I just want them to think about the future and if that image they put out on social media (outlets) is what they want someone in five years to

As social media has become more immersed in our culture, users have become aware of the necessity to information responsibly.

"People know not to do things like post pictures of themselves wasted. They may not know that they shouldn't tweet about what a doofus the job interviewer was," said Welsch.

"There are good tweets and bad tweets and we want to make sure people are aware what a bad tweet or inappropriate Facebook message might be," said Wall.

Juniata Confessions, a Facebook page created at the end of the 2013 spring semester, was managed by an anonymous student. Students sent the page administrator anonymous secrets or confessions via. private message, and the administrator posted these confessions publicly on the page.

"We realize where the limits of our jurisdiction are in regard to things run by students. Everyone was aware of Juniata Confessions, faculty, administration and so forth, and I remember some people wringing their hands about it but a lot of us rightly said, 'wait five minutes," said Welsch. "Someone will do something or twerk on television and no one will care anymore, which is exactly what happened."

The author of the Juniata Confessions page ceased from posting 'confessions' on May 9th, two days after its creation. Many followers voiced their opinions regarding the administration supposedly shutting the page down.

"I definitely think that the administration had a part in shutting it down which is unfortunate because I thought it was a very good community bonding exercise," said senior Katharine Brown.

"I think whoever started it shut it down. There was a string of 'the administration is doing this,' but we weren't involved in anything. No one was doing that. I do remember a post saying 'they're spying on us," said Wall. "Our policy really in most cases is (to) let it play out for as long as it can because eventually reason overwhelms shouting."

"Some of the things said on the Juniata Confessions Facebook page were a little inappropriate, so I can understand why it would get shut down," said sophomore Linley Erickson.

"Does Juniata have any business in telling someone to shut down what is a private enterprise that happens to be critical of us? No. Does Juniata have a responsibility to try to engage the people in dialogue to remind them of the consequences that may occur?

Certainly," said Welsch.

The social media policy was not a reaction to the Juniata Confessions Facebook page. The policy was created to help students, faculty and staff market their social media pages while reinforcing a professional image online. .

"We met with every team these past couple weeks and I told them that we 100 percent agree with the First Amendment to say anything that you need to express, but it's just like in real life: you say something to someone's face you should expect a reaction," said Jones.

The social media policy does not state what students can or cannot post online, nor does it prohibit the creation of pages related to the College.

"These three documents were written to be helpful. If people wanted to lead an institutional account, we wanted people to be able to do things quickly and know that they have our support,"

"Genna wrote the policy to be more wide-ranging and adaptable just to make sure it's not a huge Big Brother thing," said Wall.

"The social media policy is meant to establish clear guidelines for those who are compensated by the College. The policy isn't entitled to censor anybody," said

Pepsi contract quenches funding needs for campus departments

By Nick Stoliaroff

This summer, Sodexo signed an exclusive contract with Pepsi agreeing to only sell Pepsi beverages on campus in exchange for financial incentives.

The contract will last for five years and is common among many colleges and restaurants. Juniata is searching for ways to save money, which is the primary long-term goal behind this contract.

Jeff Savino, controller at accounting services, said, "We were probably a 95% Pepsi campus anyway, so basically we reached out to Pepsi and Coke and asked them if they'd be interested in signing an exclusive deal."

"We did send an RFP (request for proposal) out to the folks at Pepsi and Coke and they gave us different proposals and different things. We ended up going with Pepsi. The financing agreement was a little better, plus they had already been our partner,' said Savino.

The financial incentives will be allocated toward three distinct categories: enrollment, athletics and sustainability.

Money will be going toward enrollment every year, which will work in part to allow Student Activities to have better performers

There is a portion of money going toward the athletics department. Savino said that since Pepsi owns Gatorade, sideline kits, coolers and cups will be provided at athletic events.

Money will also go toward sustainability. Because Pepsi is a soda company that is interested in recycling cans and bottles, they have a strong incentive to offer financial rewards associated with recycling.

"There is no requirement for the amount of volume that Juniata has to use," said Savino. "They did put in what is typically called a rebate. They'll take our first year and see how many cases of what we bought, and if the next year we buy more, there's a chance for us to earn money on the difference."

Before the contract, Juniata was able to sell both Coke and Pepsi products. Now, only Pepsi beverages may be distributed. Since Coke does not sell any snack foods, Pepsi is also able to sell their snack products on campus without competition.

Hal McLaughlin, general manager of Sodexo, said that there were greater sales with Pepsi products because they are preferred to Coca Cola products.

"Just so you know, Sodexo has always been dual," said McLaughlin. "I can sell whatever, but we're Pepsi country. I try and sell what the students are used to; what the

"I can tell you that years ago, the bookstore had both and they couldn't give Coke away. It was one here, one there. They finally got rid of Coke because it was just taking up space," said McLaughlin.

Although no Coke products will be sold, the contract will not affect any other aspect of what Sodexo may or may not sell to students. Simply-to-go food items will remain on campus since they were pre-existing selections before the contract was established. McLaughlin also said that Standing Stone coffee would continue to be sold on campus because the contract does not cover coffee sales.

Associate Director of Conferences and Events Lorri Shideler said that this contract will not have a significant impact on her

"It's probably going to be seamless to everybody on campus because it's not like we (ever) had a Coke and a Pepsi machine standing next to each other," said

The student reaction to this contract has been generally positive. Laura Tobio, an international student from Spain, considers the agreement to be like any other business contract.

"Every time you buy something, you have to choose between brands. It's not something strange, you just take the one that gives you the best," said Tobio.

Many members of the Juniata community agree that the contract was an appropriate financial decision. Some do not think the contract will affect them at all.

"I can't really imagine that it would affect the student body that much that they would want to make a big deal out of it," said junior Diane Nguyen. "The Coke versus Pepsi thing might seem like it's not a big issue, but the bigger thing I think is whether students are OK with putting their trust in the school to make the best decisions in the long term versus a sacrifice in soda, or maybe a slight increase in school tuition."



National leadership society provides opportunities for success

By KATHERINE TOBAR

Beginning this year, Juniata College students are now eligible to become members of the National Society of Leadership and Success.

"The National Society of Leadership and Success (NSLS) is an organization that helps people discover and achieve their goals," said Michael Pennington, assistant director of career services and chapter co-advisor of NSLS.

Senior Chelsea Naglic, president of NSLS, founded the Juniata chapter of this society.

"She began the paperwork process, the secure and the executive committee with the advisors," said Pennington.

"I was looking for an internship and I found the opportunity to train as an intern at the NSLS from January until September. Now I came back here and started the organization," said Naglic.

There are already 13 students on the executive board of The National Society of Leadership and Success at Juniata.

"Mike [Pennington] and Candice Hersh, another one of our advisors, helped me pick students who could lead on the board with me," said Naglic.

"The National Society of Leadership and Success has close to 300,000 members across the USA and nearly 400 schools, colleges and universities participate," said Pennington. "Juniata is among the ranks with those schools."

To become part of the NSLS, Juniata College signed a one-year agreement with the society.

"The agreement is good for one year, until Aug 31, 2014, at which time the advisor will need to sign a new agreement. When they sign a new agreement next year, they will have the option of signing a new agreement for one year or for three years," said Candice Hersh, associate director of marketing.

At the time that Chelsea Naglic was training in the NSLS, she was doing so along with 28 other college students from schools around the U.S.

"There was 28 of us who were interns for this year, so that means 28 new chapters are starting this year," said Naglic.

According to the official webpage of the NSLS, the purpose of the society is to inspire students to become future leaders, and the majority of members thought that participating in the NSLS would make them more successful.

"We are dream supporters. We build leaders, support people in achieving their dreams, and better the world in the process. We get people to ask the all-important question, 'What would you do if you knew you couldn't fail?' and then help them to achieve those goals," said founder of NSLS Gary Tuerack on the society's web page.

Eligible sophomores or juniors at Juniata received a letter from the NSLS inviting them to join. Eligibility was based off of students' academic achievement and leadership roles on campus.

The minimum GPA requirement for the NSLS is 2.5. Students who do not meet this requirement still have the opportunity to apply.

"If there are students who are really interested in being a member of the society but don't have the high enough GPA, they can still be a member, but instead they would have to get two letters of recommendation from professors and write an essay on what the leadership means to them," said Naglic.

All nominated students who wish to become members are required to attend at least three speaker events. This requirement is meant to spread interest in joining the society.

Sophomore Kirstin McKenzie, social events chair of NSLS, explained that the speaker events are broadcasted online as a way to encourage people to join to the organization.

The first speaker will be Kevin Barrey on October 1st, the second one is Common on October 15th and the last one for this year will be Robert Stevenson on October 29th. Everyone is encouraged to watch the live streaming at Brumbaugh Academic Center at 7:00 p.m.

According to McKenzie, students will play an active role in these workshops and will be able to participate in peer discussions.

All members of the NSLS must pay a one-time membership fee to support the society.

"The society headquarters told us that the fee would be \$85. That is the standard fee for all students, even at other colleges and universities," said Hers

Despite the fee, members of the executive board encourage students to consider joining NSLS as a way to strengthen their leadership skills.

The main objective of this organization is "to cultivate success within the individual members and provide resources to have them meet their full potential when it comes to being leaders and being successful," said McKenzie.

Juniata may be an unlikely option for students with disabilities

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"We had a student who was at one point in a wheelchair and that essentially meant that my office hours were not accessible to that student," said Dunwoody

Dunwoody said that students with disabilities often are not comfortable with causing an inconvenience to the administration.

"You know they feel like they're pestering the administration to ask for classes to be moved or for accommodations to be made. They don't enjoy doing that," said Dunwoody. "But that's kind of the position they're put in, and I think institutionally we have

done a very poor job at making the campus accessible.

Senior Lydia Bridi also noted limitations in handicap accessibility to both Good Hall and Brumbaugh Academic Center.

"I think it's a big drawback. It's probably really pushing people away," said Bridi.

Dunwoody and Barlow also commented regarding past renovation projects of Brumbaugh Academic Center and Good Hall.

"When Dale Hall, for example, was renovated for BAC, they put in handicap accessible doors, they built new steps and then they said, 'Oh we ran out of money for a ramp. We didn't have money for

that,' and that was several years ago. We still have no ramp there," said Dunwoody.

According to Barlow, the renovations to Good Hall were handled in a similar fashion.

"When they renovated Good Hall they wanted to spend just under the threshold for triggering it to comply with the ADA. If they added an elevator on top of the other things the president wanted to do, it would have pushed us over the threshold and instead of a 2.5 million dollar project, it would have been a 5 million dollar project," said Barlow. He mentioned that a trustee had offered to provide money for an elevator.

Junior Daniel Phillips does not believe that Juniata's efforts to become more accessible have been adequate.

"I don't know why they say it's accessible but then they have wheelchair ramps that go down to the basements of buildings, like in Sunderland and Sherwood. I never saw those used, and why would they put one in the basement of Sherwood?" said Philips.

Dunwoody said that often when stairs are remodeled, they are not made to be handicap accessible.

"I think that as a liberal arts institution we should be embracing diversity and, as a matter of

principle and practice, making sure that everything on campus is accessible. It seems like it could even be a selling point because it's not a very big campus, but apparently it has not been an institutional priority," said Dunwoody.

Yelnosky said that the administration is aware of the criticism concerning accessibility and that they are trying to improve conditions on campus.

"I think people should know that we are working on these things," said Yelnosky. "Just like the sustainability and community, the world is changing and we're trying to keep up with that as best we can."

Blunk's Frisbee paradise

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distance would win a prize," said Thomchick.

As soon as the disc golf club raises the necessary funds, the facilities department can begin construction.

"The only involvement we have at this point is to trim some brush and to hire a contractor to install the bases for the holes," said Jeff Meadows, grounds supervisor.

The course's first hole is alongside Brumbaugh Academic Center's P-wing. It then travels up alongside Moore Street, through the woods and around the observatory. It will be suitable for both beginners and experienced disc golf players.

"When we were brainstorming places on campus to put the course, we were originally thinking maybe on East lawns or around there," said Blunk, "and then the disc golf club played a few times behind BAC and came together thinking how cool it would be to have a course back there. There is so much land and it's really not being used for anything, so there was no reason not to have a

course back there."

Disc golf's popularity has been steadily increasing both in the United States and internationally. The sport, which parallels the traditional rules and goals of golf, uses Frisbee-like discs that are aimed at standing metal baskets. Each throw counts as a stroke, and the person with the lowest score wins.

"Once the course was approved it was one of my most exciting moments on campus," said senior and club treasurer Scott Thomas.

"I was not only excited because it will help the sport grow, but I was also excited that our campus would now be a part of those few elite campuses that have courses within walking distance. Behind BAC we will feel removed from the stresses and business of college life."

The course will be made available for use not only for the entire student body, but also for the Huntingdon community.

"I'm so excited for when it's done," said Blunk. "I think a ton of people, both at Juniata and from Huntingdon, will come together to play on this course."

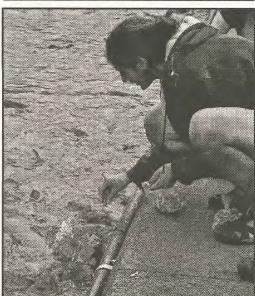
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20-year master plan sets groundwork for future renovations

By Spencer VanHoose

Juniata has created a 20-year master plan that lays out future blueprints for renovations and construction projects around campus. Rob Yelnosky, vice president for finance and operations, said, "It was developed with input from the entire campus community. It's on the website, it's on my p-drive, it's printed."

Priority for a project comes from whether it can be funded, where the impact is needed and what benefits it will bring about.

"If you look at the campus master plan, there are three things that we use to help guide us: community, accessibility and sustainability," said Yelnosky.

Some students on campus are not aware of the master plan. "I've often wondered how they determine what projects to take on. I'm glad to know that the future plans are laid out for anyone to see," said sophomore Andrea Villarian.

Student opinion is the primary driver of the decision-making process. "For instance, the Baker reno-

vation: when students rate things on campus, dining is one of the things that gets bad marks," said Yelnosky. "We believed that part of it was the environment, and so we said this is a priority to fix."

"The residence hall is in that same category," said Yelnosky. "We have not built a new residence hall since the '70s and there is a student demand for singles. The nice thing about that project is it will fund itself. We will generate revenue from

President James Troha is pleased with the way the renovations of Baker Refectory ultimately turned out. "I love the freshness of Baker, but in my opinion, we still need to put a stamp of Juniata on it in some ways. I think we need some pictures of students who are doing stuff, whether it's Mountain Day or Lobsterfest. One of the things I hope to do here is as we create facilities, we have to represent our institution," said Troha.

Sophomore Sue Stacetski is also happy with the new appearance of Baker. "I like how it's set up, but I don't like how the lines are longer. I think it's a nice environment allin-all though."

There is a special committee on campus that solely deals with decisions to be made regarding Ellis Hall. "The Ellis Hall Committee is comprised of mostly the offices in Ellis, and this year we have two student reps," said director of student activities Jessica Mumford, who oversees the committee.

The committee has many future plans for updating the building. "Right now we are really trying to deal with the lobby because the lighting isn't the best. That's a larger project, but we're trying to come up with things that fit with the budget that we have. We're looking more to have meeting spaces for clubs in that space," said Mumford.

Funding and where it comes from is another major deciding factor in these kinds of projects. "Funding [comes from a] variety of sources, and some of that is 'why do we do certain things when we do them," said Yelnosky. "Sometimes project decisions are made because the dollars are made available. In the case of the residence hall, we took on debt of half a million dollars. We have about 400 million dollars of debt that we have taken on over the years for projects around campus. Sometimes restricted gifts come in. There are people who give for a specific project and you can only use the money for that."

There have been other renovations that have happened over summer break, as well as new plans for the future. "We renovated the enrollment lobby this past summer and we did the coffee cart in the library, which was the senior class gift," said Yelnosky. "We're going to be doing a new batting cage down at the softball field as well as we're going to be looking to resurface the tennis courts. We're going to build a new greenhouse behind Brumbaugh, but we're working on the funding side of that still."

President Troha also has ideas for what he wants to add in the future. "I would love to have another turf field available with lights, so now you've got two places under lights that would expand the day

and create more recreational space for student athletes and regular students," said Troha. "I think also we're going to be building one more residence hall, probably similar to the one we're building now. Those are just a couple things on my wish list."

Students also have some ideas for possible new renovations around campus. "I think the library could use some more attention. Students come there in their spare time to do homework, check their e-mail, etc. I think the library is one of those buildings that hasn't seen renovations in a while," said senior Jessica Mills.

"My job is to make sure we have some collective wisdom for whatever project that is and that it's made for the right reasons and it fits our priorities," said Troha. "I think talking to students and making sure we understand where they are with facility needs and demands is really important. I think that's always been the case; students have always had an input on the construction of new facilities and renovations."



Residents push for "residential urban" areas around the College that would solely house student rental properties. Landlords of student rental houses in these areas would have to abide by special housing policies if the proposition is accepted.

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College promotes 'good neighbor' behavior

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no complaints about my student neighbors so far, however, I am skeptical that this flawless behavior will continue all year."

"It is a free country, so students should get to live wherever they want. I understand people's objections, so I just prefer that the students don't live anywhere near me," said Kristi Clarke, a Huntingdon resident.

Agroup of concerned Huntingdon residents proposed a plan to the borough council modeled after successful plans enacted by the State College and Altoona boroughs. In an effort to subdue the density of student rental housing, the proposition calls for a specific area surrounding the College to be designated "residential urban."

The distinction of a "residential urban" area would allow for ordinances specifically pertaining to student rentals to be en-

One potential ordinance outlines a policy that limits the number of student rental homes that can exist within a specific area. Another ordinance would restrict the permanence of student rental signs.

"I understand the perspective of the many Huntingdon residents. I would not want to live on a block where the majority of homes were student rental properties," said junior Catherine Scholl. "As a student who plans on living off-campus next year, I am looking forward to living on a block with many of my friends. However, this ordinance could disrupt the community atmosphere that Juniata students experience when they live offcampus."

"I am of the opinion that an ordinance related to student properties is not only a benefit to long term residents, but it is beneficial to students. Right now there is no oversight on student rental homes," said Worley.

In order to provide oversight on student rental homes, the group of Huntingdon residents also proposed a mandatory permit to those renting houses to students within the suggested "residential urban" area. A permitting process would create a set of basic requirements for landlords with student housing to fulfill within the designated area.

"As of now the borough council has made no movement to accept our proposals. When nothing was done after two months, we started a petition and had seventy signatures within four days," said Worley. "My biggest concern is that the borough council needs to pick an option they deem to be the most important to the Huntingdon community."

Expected behavior of offcampus students is outlined in the Good Neighbor Policy. The policy, which was created in collaborative effort between the borough council and Juniata College Public Safety, details exactly how students living off-campus are expected to be responsible members of the Huntingdon

"Positive effects of the Good Neighbor Initiative are evidenced by the fact that our students living in the community can be good sources for babysitters, dog-sitters and more," said Natalie Hershberger, inbound coordinator and resident direc-

"Where I live is temporary, however, the Good Neighbor Initiative helped me to grasp the permanence of residential homes," said junior Eric Mc-Carthy. "I am living within an established Huntingdon neighborhood, and I owe it to my neighbors to uphold a good standard of living."

Juniata College exists as the cornerstone of the Huntingdon community. It is vital that students and long-term residents are able to coexist peacefully.

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No power to the people: curtailment efforts incovenience students

OPINION & EDITORIAL



As everyone is well aware, our school was without power for a span of 4 hours on September 11, 2013. At first I was not sure what to make of the situation. I had seen the email about a curtailment event a half an hour before the power was turned off, but I did not by any means expect to be without power or Internet access in my building shortly afterwards. Of course, like

program that required it to tem- pleasant to be inside their dorms. porarily curtail the school's power in the event of a large demand for power in Huntingdon.

The school's motivations for participating in this program are obvious. In fact, Robert Yelnosky, vice president of finance and operations, wrote in the email composed to the entire student body that the school signed up because it was provided with financial incentives to do so. I generally do not mind the school trying to save money by doing things like asking us to shut off lights in rooms we are not using or asking us to be sure we are turning off the faucets and showers when not in use. However, I do have a real the rest of campus, I soon learned problem when the school's attempt not a decision the school directly with my and other students' ability of the College volunteering for a work and makes it remarkably un-

I noticed the first problem as a result of the curtailment almost immediately. Very shortly after the power went out, it became swelteringly hot in my room. I had spent most of the time that I was in my room that day with both of my fans pointing directly at me due to how hot it was, and the temperature quickly increased as soon as the power went out. This made staying in my dorm an extremely unfortunate experience that I could not avoid, as right after the curtailment started, my RD asked me to make sure I stayed on the floor to talk to residents about the curtailment and try to keep them entertained.

were not in attendance. For the pre- for a short period of time.

vious week's lab, not a single student was absent, which indicated to me that many if not all of the missing students decided not to come due to the fact that they, like myself, did not know whether the lab would be able to take place at all. Furthermore, after the first hour of the lab, a Public Safety officer informed us that they were about to turn the power off in Good Hall, implying that we should start packing up to leave imminently.

In my mind, this curtailment event was absolutely unacceptable and there is no question as to whether or not the school should remain enrolled in this program. The students at Juniata pay the I also had several problems school enough money to attend that the power being shut off was to save money directly interferes when it came to running the social that they should not be forced to statistics lab that I am a TA for. forgo basic necessities such as elecmade, rather, it came as a result to complete their assigned course- First of all, 7 out of the 17 students tricity and internet, even if it is only

Yelnosky stated at the end of his email that the school administration would, "begin the process of evaluating our participation in this program and determining what we might do differently to avoid another situation like this in the future."

In my opinion, the answer is simple: education is a service, and students pay an enormous amount to have services made available to them by the school. As such, if enrollment in this program prevents the school from serving the students' reasonable needs in any way, shape or form, then the school should not be able to justify remaining enrolled in the curtailment program. This is a simple, easy and appropriate solution that is definitely "something we might do differently to avoid another situation like this in the future."

Student employees underappreciated in the campus workplace

A student embodies many roles throughout their time in college. Not only are they the early morning crammers, the friends or the Saturday night partiers, but also they are the employees, the workhorses and the people who are simultaneously overworked and underappreciated.

On-campus jobs allow students to get their feet in the door by acting as representatives to prospective students, alumni and even for fulltime faculty members. Students typically enter their freshman year with no prior work experience aside from perhaps a waiter position or some other minimum wage job. The legitimacy of holding a job on campus is evident: money, experience and references all profited.

However, where is the line drawn between student and student employee? Let's go further. Place the emphasis on the student. Students at Juniata must not exceed 35 hours of work per pay period. Students typically take anywhere from 12-18 hours of class a week. With an average of 17.5 hours of employed work and a maximum of 18 credit hours a week, that equals out to nearly a full time working week. It is understandable that limits are not overworked.

Now place the emphasis on the employee. Many students like to overexert themselves. They could be the president of one club, work two on campus jobs and still take up to full-time employees.

Juniata students are immersed in the cross-departmental interaction associated with being at a liberal arts school. With these various interactions between varying departments, it is common to see how role in the unrest and hostility toward other departments. It is not uncommon to hear one department another on transaction or project occurs.

It is also not uncommon to question the work ethic, viability, reliability or quality of work from an employee more than half one's age. We inherit the notion to accept that our superiors have more knowledge, more experience than we. This notion becomes problematic when hypocrisy follows.

in place to ensure that students are of an employee. This holds true for people, may they be managers or that matter whom displays some any job, menial or experienced. The employees, withdraw from effectively expectation of correctly completed work is always the constant, again hostility and resentment resonates as should be expected in any employment situation.

The hypocrisy occurs when a 18 credits of classes. As students, we superior contradictorily expects make the choice to be a part of these work to be completed in a highly activities. However, we do not choose accommodating manner with the to clean up the messes of the adult notion that the employee is still their inferior. One aspect should not be synonymous with the other. The employee should be held to the same regard as an equal if a high standard of quality is expected.

The argument of proving your worth and working your way miscommunication plays a significant up the ladder is not invalid. In the work world, these values are learned aspects of being a successful employee. However, working under when a superior should not warrant a lack a team, a greater synergy occurs. miscommunication in an event, of respect or value for the reason that According to Business Momentum, a one is regarded as an inferior.

This is not only true for full-time faculty members but also for student managers. No matter what position, age or title one holds, there should be mutual respect and appreciation for other employees and the work they complete.

Miscommunication is achieved when managers or employees do Employers expect work to be not effectively communicate their done promptly and correctly. The appreciation along with worries employee should accommodate the and problems to their inferiors needs of the employer, as is expected or superiors. When one sector of friends, family or anyone else for

are also extraordinary opportuni-

communicating thoughts and ideas, throughout the work environment.

The absence of mutual respect for managers or employees produces an unfavorable work environment where employees are discouraged from putting forth the effort in their work and managers question the legitimacy in the completion or quality of work.

As members of the Juniata community, we should recognize others for the work they put forth. Our ability to improve how we express our appreciation to other colleagues should correlate with how we want to be respected and treated.

When we begin treating our "inferiors" as valued members of company maintains its most valued assets not by compensation but through appreciation.

When we as responsible employees or managers recognize the quality, value and significance of our colleagues, not only does our department grow, but also the employees and managers themselves grow. Upon the recognition of others, a positive energy flows throughout the work environment.

Appreciate colleagues, bosses,

type of care or concern. You'll not only feel better about yourself but you'll also improve the chance of your colleague becoming more invested in their The need for reciprocal appreciation

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Presidential Perspective: Insights of President Troha

It is a great honor and my privilege to be a regular contributor to The Juniatian as I begin my tenure as your 12th president. I appreciate this opportunity to regularly share Juniata community. with you some of my thoughts and reflections while we experience this extraordinary academic and personal journey together.

I want to begin by expressing my sincere gratitude to the entire Juniata family for the profound have students, faculty, and staff who support of me, my wife Jennifer, not only have a keen interest in the and our three children, Madison, future but who are committed and Nicholas, and Natalie as we made willing to help define and shape it. our transition to Huntingdon, PA. To be sure, the challenges ahead We have thoroughly enjoyed the of us are many (more competition, warm embrace of central Pennsyl- higher costs, different educational

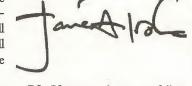
uncommon welcome from Juniatians everywhere. We feel blessed to be here among all of you and humbled to be asked to serve the

This is indeed a time of transition, change, and hopefully, excitement for all of us. We are together embarking on a new chapter in the life that is Juniata College and it gives me great comfort knowing that we

ties to be embraced. However, to effectively take advantage of these opportunities, it will require strong and courageous leadership. From all of us! For example, we need to effectively harness the tremendous talent that exists within our faculty. We need to leverage more the compelling passion among our alumni. We also need to engage students in meaningful conversation about what we are doing well and, more importantly, not so well and use this data to strengthen the Juniata experience.

As we collectively embark on this journey toward making our Juniata vania and more importantly, the delivery methods, etc...) but there a stronger, better one, you have my

word that we will indeed write this next chapter together. And we will do so in a way that will demonstrate an acute appreciation of our past, an awareness of our present, and a courageous interpretation of the future! I look forward to meeting that challenge with each and every one of you.



PS: If interested, you can follow me on my personal Twitter account: @juniataprezTroha

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'Infinite Mirror' exhibit: a reflection of our identities

By CAL KING

"Infinite Mirror: Images of American Reality" is a travelling art exhibit that opened this past Thursday at the Juniata College Museum of Art. The exhibit was followed by a multi-media performance of "Within the Silence," presented by "Living Voices" out of New York.

Ms. Judy Maloney, director of the Juniata College Museum of Art, has been pushing hard for the show to come to Juniata since she first saw "Infinite Mirror" about three years ago. After seeing the performance only once, Maloney knew that she had to have it at Juniata. However, the exhibit comes with a price tag. "It's a pretty expensive show and I've been paying for it for about three years now," said Maloney. "It's worth it, though. It's a beautiful and intimate show."

The connection between "Infinite Mirror" and "Within the Silence" may at first seem rather tenuous, but after seeing both projects, it becomes obvious. "Infinite Mirror" contains some rather overt themes about segregation and racial identity, which the play, "Within the Silence," also delves into heavily. The production struggles with those same themes by exploring the life of a young Japanese-American woman who was put in an internment camp after the attack on Pearl Harbor. In fact, further strengthening the connection between the two productions, the art exhibit includes a modified photograph of a Japanese internment camp in the northwestern United States.

These two independent projects,



Lin Zijian, an international student from Chengdu, China, peruses several of the pieces presented on the opening day of the 'Infinite Mirror' exhibit on September 19. The exhibit will remain on display at the Juniata Museum of Art until October 26, which is open Monday through Friday, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and on Saturdays 12:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m.

however, really came together as a result of close cooperation between two Juniata faculty members. Professor Maloney knew that Rosalie Rodriguez of the Office of Diversity and Inclusion had worked with "Living Voices," the troupe that produced "Within the Silence," and contacted her about a potential collaboration more than a year ago. Rodriguez was more than willing to accommodate, saying, "the project that [Maloney] had envisioned fit right in with my office's vision, and the vision of Juniata College as a whole."

Maloney urges everyone to

come and see "Infinite Mirror," including children, as they have a special guide and program for kids. According to Maloney, this exhibit displays "a very honest expression from many different artists." In fact, more than 30 artists have works featured in this exhibit, which in total comprises 54 individual works. Maloney was disappointed, however, because the art museum here on campus is not large enough to accommodate all 54 pieces and instead had to forgo more than 30 of the works that make up the complete exhibit. According to senior Jerika Jordan,

gallery manager of the Juniata College Museum of Art, "there were a number of pieces that we just couldn't use; large-scale pieces that were the size of our entire gallery." The decisions regarding which pieces to use "were up to the museum practicum students, who chose, organized and laid out the entire exhibit. They have contributed so much and put in so much hard work for this exhibit to happen," said Maloney.

Jordan further emphasized the amount of work that she and the museum practicum students had to put in to this event. "We started about a month ago... We looked through the catalog and examined the pieces. There were a lot of difficult decisions we had to make due to our limited display space," said Jordan.

However, Jordan is excited. "Just thrilled," she said with a grin that spread across her entire face. "I'm excited for the public to come in to the exhibit and give feedback to the [museum practicum students], for many of whom this is their first year in this class." However, Jordan also noted that the number of Juniatians far exceeds the number of local visitors. "It's roughly 80 to 20 Juniata students and faculty to locals," she said.

The students' work really has paid off, though, and it shows. The exhibit is incredibly professional and thought provoking; the pieces themselves are beautiful and loaded with a cerebral intensity. Juniata students who find themselves with a free half-an-hour on their hands should really take the time to check it out.

Although the performance of "Within the Silence" was a onetime deal for the College, it was also performed at the Huntingdon area high school and the middle school on the following Friday.

The "Infinite Mirror" exhibit will be at the museum until October 26. Midway through the exhibit's stay here at Juniata, Blake Bradford, curator of "Infinite Mirror," will be speaking in the Neff Lecture Hall from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 3. Bradford's talk is entitled "Assimilation and Visual Conventions: Musings American Dreams.'

Tasty, inexpensive and wholesome: Tops Diner truly has it all



Tired of Baker food, but don't have much money to spend? Try eating at Tops Diner this weekend! Located along State Route 22 and just four miles east of Huntingdon on 12151 William Penn Highway, Tops Diner is a short and easy drive from Juniata College if you or someone you know owns a car.

If you are looking for an affordable and delicious restaurant, you should add Tops to your list of restaurants to try. The restaurant has been open since 1959, and its goal, in a nutshell, is to offer good food to locals and travelers at an affordable price.

Some of the diner's specialties include their fresh cut fries and homemade pies. When I looked at the Tops Diner breakfast menu for the first time, I was surprised by the creativity and variety of food selections available. The food selections range from sweet potatoes or regular pancakes, to Belgian waffles, to every type of omelet imaginable. Also among the breakfast choices are a breakfast wrap, steak and eggs, and oatmeal.

For breakfast, I decided to order pancakes with strawberries, cherries and whipped cream on top, which turned out to be a delicious choice. One friend of mine ordered a sausage and cheese omelet and another ordered a traditional breakfast of pancakes, sausage and eggs. We all thoroughly enjoyed our food. The portions were hefty; we even all had another meal to bring home. Additionally, the food prices were reasonable as each of our bills was under ten dollars.

Breakfast at Tops Diner is served from 6:00 to 11:00 a.m., or at the latest, 12:00 p.m., depending on how busy the restaurant is on that given day. The restaurant was already packed when I arrived at 10:30 a.m., so I would suggest arriving well before 11:00 a.m. to avoid a long wait to be seated and get your food.

The lunch menu includes a variety of options such as quesadillas, hot wings, taco salad or grilled chicken salad, several kinds of burgers, various wraps, hot and cold sandwiches, and sandwich melts. For dinner, the restaurant offers steak, pork, meatloaf and pasta. A large variety of seafood

is also available including shrimp, haddock, tilapia, crab cakes or the classic fish and chips. Featured specials that vary by week are available as well as a children's menu.

There are plenty of side dishes to choose from to accompany your meal, and don't forget to save room for dessert! Banana

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I was able to sit outside on a lovely September day to eat my breakfast... of pancakes with strawberries, cherries and whipped cream on top.

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splits, root beer floats, homemade pies, cookies, carrot cake, walnut cake and ice cream sundaes are only a few of the dessert selections available.

From glancing at the lunch and dinner menu, I have a feeling the next meal I will be trying is the chicken and broccoli alfredo bread bowl with a banana split for dessert. Yum! How many restaurants in the area offer home-style cooking, an ice cream parlor, and a family-friendly atmosphere all in one? Tops Diner offers just such a unique combination. I am already looking forward to my next trip!

Esteemed for their remarkable food and service, Tops has earned a solid reputation in the Huntingdon area. Customers of the restaurant declare it the best-kept secret in Central Pennsylvania.

In 2007, the diner improved their space by making it completely smoke-free and adding an outdoor porch seating area, which is why I was able to sit outside on a lovely September day to eat my breakfast. The outdoor tables are a nice option as they provide for overflow seating and a nice view. Indoor seating consists of tables, booths and a bar area. The atmosphere of the restaurant is warm and welcoming and staff members are friendly and accommodating.

A perk about Tops Diner is the free wireless Internet connection they offer to their customers. Other advantages of the restaurant are their food takeout and catering services. Their catering business began in 2010 and they have risen up to become one of Huntingdon area's most prominent caterers. The diner guarantees that their food will be fulfilling and their prices will be reasonable. The restaurant never, under any circumstances, resorts to using instantly prepared ingredients in the production of their food.

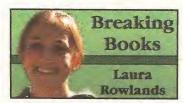
Tops Diner allows their customers the freedom to customize their own catering menu as they do not have a set menu for this part of their business. A few options included in their typical catering entrée selections are beef, chicken and pasta. However, the choices are not limited to only these main dishes.

Tops Diner is open from 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. on Friday and Saturday and 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Sunday. The restaurant seats up to 100 people, but fills up quickly, so be sure to arrive early or make reservations in advance.

For planning your trip to Tops Diner, reservations are accepted for any size party during the weekdays. During weekends, parties consisting of four or more are strongly encouraged to make a reservation. In addition, the parking lot provides ample space for RVs and tractor-trailers. I sincerely hope you will give this restaurant a try. You won't regret it!

'50 Shades of Grey' is deemed unfit for human consumption

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As talks over the making of this book into a film begin hitting the gossip columns, I thought it was probably about time that I unzip my preconceptions and drop my prejudices to the floor with my ripped and torn dignity and sense of shame.

Yes, I am referencing the phenomenon that is E. L. James' infamous "50 Shades of Grey." Although the literaturemajoring side of myself has denounced this novel as potentially the worst thing to have come out of the U.K. in the past decade and as such to not even approach it with a barge pole, there is, shamefully, a certain side of me that wants to try it out for myself and actually be justified in my aversion to it. But let's face it, who hasn't had even the slightest curiosity to find out what it's all about? Other than a lot of lewd and raucous sex that is....

Reading the first chapters of

this book, I really couldn't understand what the fuss was all about. The heroine, Anastasia, deserved quite frankly, to be hit over the head with a shovel full of her own self-righteousness. Christian, the man of the moment, the guy with the key to unlocking all female desires, was distinctly monochrome, both in appearance and mystery: an evasive business man who, for some reason, doesn't like to be interviewed about sexual preferences. How... enigmatic? Alluring? Sexy? ...Or maybe just plain boring.

Hearing from a friend before reading this book that it started out as a piece of fan fiction based on the "Twilight" series really did affect how I read "50 Shades of Grey." Christian's 'copper' hair and pale skin curiously mirrored that of "Twilight's" Edward's description, not to mention his characteristic wealth, distance and overall mysterious nature. Meanwhile, Ana's soppy, oh-soperfectly-naïve persona is the exact same as Bella's, just a couple of years older and a little less scared of the bedroom area (i.e. slightly, and I mean slightly, less vomit inducing). To use Ana's own

admonishment, she desperately needs to "man up," and quickly.

As well as pretty much stealing the characters, James also seems to take a leaf out of Meyer's eighteenth century ideals of male dominance and female docility. Welcome, boys and girls, to the modern-day, pornographic form of sexism, fully complete with objectification and accepted scenes. Congratulations James, you have winningly captured every woman's dream of

Welcome, boys and girls, to the modern-day, pornographic form of sexism, fully complete with objectification and accepted rape scenes.

having a life entirely ruled by one man; a feat that, apparently, we are all captivated by. My, the suffragettes of the nineteenth century would love to see how far we have all come.

While being strangled by all

these tongue-in-cheek characters, a certain amount of you feels like you're being punished with Grey's leather canes and whips, just from the writing alone. After reading only two chapters, I felt like I had been through a long session in the 'red room of pain.' Take that name for example: Can you get any more childlike than that? Save for the scenes of sexual nature, this book seems to have been written for children.

Although the writing can be painful to read at times, it is often accompanied by hilarious consequences. I am unsure whether that is what the author intended, and to be honest it's probably not. However, reading about one of the many, many, many sexual encounters and coming across the phrase 'bump and grind' used intentionally and in all seriousness, really did make me laugh out loud while singing the phrase to the tune of the infamous song with the same name.

In fact a great deal of the language James uses verges on the point of ridiculousness. Perhaps she is attempting to mimic the language of modern day society, so we can 'relate' to the

characters more effectively, but all I know is that if I met a woman who said 'Jeez' half as much as her female lead, not only would we never speak again, but also you'd probably find a ripped out tongue lolling casually on the floor of Baker Refectory. Jeez, there's only so much a gal can take!

If you're expecting straightup, non-stop, exciting sex scenes, then expect some level of disappointment. Believe it or not, the book does have a story line behind all the porn and the expectant reader has to wait eight whole chapters until the relationship between Christian and Ana becomes physical. Patience is a virtue, dear reader. James has got it right here. As much as it makes me blanch, the plot development and characterisation is necessary in order to give the narrative some sense of realism and to ensure that the events that come later are not too much of a shock to the readers.

A parting thought... a feature length movie? Really? Maybe this is the first step toward publically accepted and enjoyed porn in cinemas... Watch this

Campy horror films can often be entertaining, but not 'VHS 2'



"V/H/S" was a found-footage horror film released last year that concerned a group of teen criminals who broke into an abandoned house and discovered five apparently cursed videotapes. The film itself was essentially five separate short stories (helmed by five different directors) combined in the clumsiest possible way by a main overarching plot that didn't really put a lot of effort into explaining much of anything.

I love the first "V/H/S", but I also acknowledge that it's all quite silly and doesn't really work. It's clear from the onset that none of the five directors really bothered to compare notes or tried to keep

up any ongoing element to really tie everything together in a meaningful way. As a two-hour feature, 'V/H/S" was an inconsistent mess. Taken as individual stories, it was dumb, trashy fun, not to mention occasionally terrifying and surprisingly creative at points.

'V/H/S 2," on the other hand, is cut from the same cloth: a bunch of short stories by a bunch of directors, combined loosely by a very silly overarching story. Unfortunately, the individual shorts this time around are significantly weaker, and the entire film seems dead-set on magnifying all the problems of the original film while inventing a couple new ones.

Some might argue that the main storylines for the two films are never properly explained, adding a sense of mystery and cultivating a fear of the unknown. I'm more inclined to say that by not trying to reasonably tie everything together, the directors of all the stand-alone bits are given free reign to do essentially whatever they want with their own individual projects. As a result, the first "V/H/S" took place in a universe where demons, ghosts, aliens, succubi and a violent, impossible-tofilm monster all existed together. Now, with the second film, we add zombies, creepy demons spawned from a bizarre cult, more aliens and more ghosts to the mix.

On paper, it sounds awesome, and a film that manages to combine all of these things into a single picture can be forgiven for a lot of small-to-medium flaws. However, while "V/H/S 2" has those in spades, it also has one really big problem: there isn't a single plotline that makes even a slight amount of sense. Not only is the main story much dumber. but also all of the individual works are a mess too. Plot elements are introduced and pushed away without explanation, characters pop up and die arbitrarily, the pacing for most of the stories is all over the place, many characters manage to somehow be even dumber than horror movie characters are generally expected to be, and any time a segment starts to get good, it ends on the stupidest note possible.

Now obviously, if you don't care for found-footage films, "V/H/S 2" isn't going to change your mind. However, as somebody who likes found-footage films, I don't feel as though this film is a great example of it. Yes, movies shot in this fashion are always going to seem lower quality. Yes, these movies are going to become shaky during the more hectic moments. Yet I've seen these types of films before where I still had at least a general idea of what was going on, even during the particularly climactic moments.

There are points in "V/H/S 2" that feel as though they were helmed by a director who told the camera man, "It doesn't actually matter if the audience can even remotely discern what's happening onscreen, because if you're shaking the camera enough that they can't see anything, they'll just assume that something scary is happening!" The final sequence is an absolute mess - after a while I stopped trying to keep track of who was still alive and who was dead.

Out of the four short stories, there's only one that I found genuinely entertaining for the majority of its duration, but one 15-or-sominute segment doesn't make up for the rest of the movie being crap. At any rate, that one segment, titled "The Safe Haven," eventually goes completely off the rails and ends with one of the most unintentionally hilarious scenes I've witnessed in a horror film since the turn of the century. I'm almost tempted to still call this isolated segment of V/H/S 2 worth my time because it did start off as an intriguing and effectively paced tale, but I can't get past how unsatistying the ending was.

With the exception of "The Safe Haven," I never found the movie even remotely scary. A lot of it falls back on jump scares, and they aren't even good jump scares. The first short story's only attempt at being scary comes in the form of one kind of lame jump gag that's used over and over again. Likewise, while the first film wasn't exactly known for its Oscar-winning performances, the dialogue and acting here are, at times, downright attrocious.

I can enjoy trashy horror films such as the first "V/H/S". However, "V/H/S 2" falls short of being even a good trashy horror film. It's annoying, confusing, and ultimately not worth anyone's time.

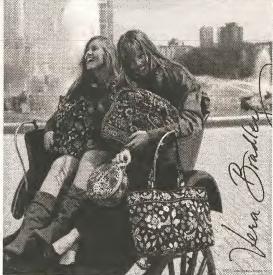
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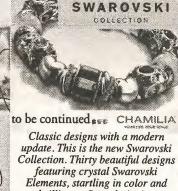
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Miley attracts criticism, stage-dives into new look and sound



First, let me start by saying this: I love being black. But sometimes I wonder how life would be different if I was white, even just for a day, kind of how Miley Cyrus is being black for a year.

I feel as if being a minority is sometimes a challenge. I have to fit in with "my people," but I have to survive in a white patriarchal society. Growing up, I was often referred to as an "Oreo" - black on the outside, white on the inside – because I lived in a wealthy, predominately Caucasian neighborhood outside of Beverly Hills, attended private schools, wore Hollister(before it became popular) instead of South Pole and Baby Phat, listened to N'Sync, and spoke "proper English." I never even listened to rap music until I was about twelve. My mother graduated Summa Cum Laude from the University of Southern California, my parents were married and active in my life, but despite my complexion, I didn't have my Black Card, according to my peers. But I knew what it meant to be black.

I have been followed and pulled over by the police several times for absolutely no reason, been called the "n-word," had someone yell in Huntingdon's Walmart parking lot about giving me "some fried chicken and watermelon..." For the record, I actually prefer mine to be smothered in a gravy or baked. But Hell yes, I would love some watermelon. It is wonderfully delicious and it was a hot day when that comment was made.

life Though my somewhat more privileged than others, I still know and understand struggle because I'm not sheltered. I have never considered myself an activist for social justice, but I am aware, and that is just as important. I have friends and family who live in some of the roughest neighborhoods in South Central Los Angeles, and I would never be proud of being ratchet or wanting to act or be ghetto. Do I have ratchet tendencies for fun when I'm hanging with my friends? Yes, on occasion; but I would never want to portray myself as being something that I'm not. That is why I feel indifferent about Miley Cyrus' "new look and sound."

Miley Cyrus is, and always has been, a wealthy fair skinned girl from Nashville whose father sang about his "Achy, breaky heart." She's a Disney Channel star who is trying to show that she is now an adult by making and listening to "hood music," twerking, smoking marijuana, but trying to not be seen as the "white Nicki Minaj," so she has stated. Don't worry Miley, you could never be in that category.

I am in no way saying that white people can't listen to rap music, dress or talk a certain way, but what I feel she is doing is cultural appropriation/borrowing. That is when someone takes intriguing bits and pieces of another culture and makes it "hip" without taking the time to comprehend any history or meaning behind the music, language, social behavior; taking everything but the burden.

Miley would probably like to take the credit for making twerking popular, but she's a little late to the minority party, and she doesn't even do it well at all. She could have twerked and done drugs since she was ten, but the fact that she is associating these specific, often negative, behaviors with a look and sound for her new album bothers me.

We cannot pretend that stereotypes, racism, and prejudices don't still exist. Therefore, cultural appropriation in the media is dangerous for those who are originally associated with the action, which, is often, a racial minority group.

Yes, as a celebrity and musician. you sometimes have to reinvent yourself to stay relevant, but to only use aspects, that much of society deems undesirable, of a particular culture for enjoyment, shock value, and entertainment somewhat offends me because she is using someone's culture as a prop. This isn't just a black/white issue, it is a human issue that crosses over from musical performances to Halloween costumes. Miley and her lewd behavior is just one of the most recent highly publicized occurrences that I find interesting.

Cultural appropriation can be, for the lack of a better word, annoying because the borrower isn't mindful. When Miley gets tired of going through her phase of being a "G," she can just be a young white lady again who doesn't have to be constantly reminded that she is white.

Around the time of the George Zimmerman verdict when people began protesting, I came across an article that a Caucasian man wrote

about how, even though he wanted justice for Trayvon, he was Zimmerman, meaning he had white privilege in America. He could put on a hoodie and walk around his neighborhood, or a friend's, and be okay, he could take off the hoodie and still be okay. In many cases, a black man can wear a hoodie, take it off, dress in a suit, dress like a gangbanger, and still receive the same treatment in certain places. That writer will never understand how it feels to be a black man, and he understood that, he was cognizant.

I cannot change what Miley Cyrus chooses to do, and I would be lying if I said I don't have a few of her songs on my iPod. However, as a society who likes to think that we're advanced and have come so far since many of our country's civil rights movements, must we have to examine our every eye blink so that we don't offend another culture? No.

But I do believe that intelligence and respect would allow us to be aware of our actions and messages we send to others, and want to learn about other humanities before passing judgments and borrowing certain cultural elements because it seems fun for the moment.

Recognizing the power of the shower: staying healthy using soap



As you are walking back to your dorm after a super busy day, all you can think of is getting in bed. You have no brainpower to imagine how amazing it would be to have one more Mountain Day, or how good it would feel to take a shower tonight. The only thing you want is your comforter.

The next day, as you finally have the courage to get out of bed, after clicking the snooze button for the fifth time, you realize that you have ten minutes to get to class. Once again, the planned shower is now part of your unplanned past. You tell yourself the excuse that you read somewhere that taking a shower everyday is not that healthy anyway. You spray yourself five times with your favorite perfume or cologne and head to class.

Which Juniata student has never experienced the above scenario? Who has never been so tired after a terrible week that all they wanted to do was to crawl into their bed and sleep for the next twenty-four hours? With our crazy schedules, enormous expectations of going to class every day, and constant overload of homework, we often wish that there were more hours in a day. It becomes so easy to overlook important components of our healthy lives, such as taking care of our personal hygiene.

As stated by Tracii Hanes, a specialist in health and psychol-

ogy, while items in Walmart may be marketed as personal hygiene products, in the health-related world, they are actually not. Neither your favorite perfume or cologne, that hair spray that supposedly removes the oily look from your hair nor that fragrant body lotion should not be considered substitutes for necessary showers.

We must shower regularly. Our skin is our first line of defense against outside intruders. Improperly cleaned bodies may lead to skin complaints, unpleasant smells and infections, especially in the genital area as explained by one of the New York Times'healthy guide articles. Proper cleansing is important and may help prevent medical complications due to bacteria, parasites and fungi.

Those who head to Juniata's Fit-

ness Center or go for a run around campus are making smart choices about their health. However, they cannot forget that going back to their dorm after a run or heading to Baker Refectory with sweaty clothes can be just as bad of a decision as not exercising at all. Bacteria and sweaty clothes are a match made in heaven, as reported by Web MD.

Note, however, that I made the deliberate choice of saying 'shower regularly and after workouts,' rather than 'shower every day.' Although previously used as an excuse in the beginning of the article, the justification is not completely incorrect. As long as it does not become five days of justification in which mosquitoes are now following you to class, interspersed showering has its benefits.

Dr. Richard Gallo, chief of the dermatology division at the University of California, San Diego, claimed that showering every day is "not just removing the lipids and oils on your skin, [but it could also be] removing some of the good bacteria that help maintain a healthy balance of skin." Hot, long showers are also reported to be a problem. The Mayo Clinic recommends limiting shower time to 15 minutes and using warm, rather than hot water, in order to prevent dry skin.

Shower time and temperature are not the only things worth keeping in mind. For those of us who love to use bath sponges, these are a great invention if you are being smart about how you use them. Dr. James M. Sears, M.D., a board-certified pediatrician, explained that you must change

your sponge every three weeks. They provide a wet and dark environment, which is perfect for bacteria to grow in. Now imagine scrubbing your back with the hope of cleaning yourself but instead infesting your body with bacteria that can cause you harm.

Dr. Lisa Materson, M.D., a board-certified OB/GYN, explained that we must also clean our razors under hot water and change them frequently, just like our sponges. She warns us not let our razors become rusty because that increases the chance of skin irritation and rashes.

Consider these tips and do not forget that the best way to stay healthy is to keep those healthy choices up-to-date. If you cannot do it for your health, please do it for those of us that sit beside you in class every day!



New Clubs on Campus





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Top: Dr. Matthew Beaky, assistant professor of physics, discusses the Astronomy Club's activities as well as fundraising ideas with the club's members.

Bottom: Juniata Association of Gamers (JAG) gathers for their second official meeting. The club was recently approved on Tuesday, Sept. 24.

Exploring Juniata's quirky qualities



Have you ever met someone for the first time, only to be at a bit of a loss for what to make of him or her shortly afterwards? Perhaps they are nice, funny, and smart, but there is another quality there that is hard to define. There is just something about them that is really... quirky.

Take my best friend from home, Jim. He is funny, smart, a chemical engineering student, and just a really great guy in general. He made Eagle Scout and everything! I love him to death, but the fact of the matter is... he is a little weird!

The thing about quirky people is that the more you get to know them, the more quirky you realize they are. Most times, though, it is those little oddities that help you appreciate them more than you ever could without.

As a senior at Juniata, these sentiments pretty much sum up how I feel about our school. There are a lot of little oddities at Juniata that I've noticed during my time here, and stories shared with me by professors, students, and others, that make me laugh, shake my head or roll my eyes. All of them help me to appreciate Juniata. My goal is to share some of these oddities with you so that you can appreciate Juniata in ways you never thought you would!

For starters, one of the quirkiest things about Juniata has got to be some of our campus traditions.

What other school, in the first month of classes, gives you lobster for dinner, lets you beat the pulp out of each other and randomly cancels classes for no particular reason at all?

If that is not quirky, I don't know what is.

But a closer look at some of our greatest traditions, such as Mountain Day and Storming of the Arch, reveals even more oddities that make them all the better.

For instance, the history behind Mountain Day, and the history of Juniata overall, are, believe it or not, tied directly to squirrel hunting!

In 1878, a smallpox epidemic in Huntingdon forced students William Beery, Benjamin Bowser, and Levi Stoner to leave town and live in an abandoned shack until the quarantine was lifted. Their survival out in the mountains is what started the tradition of Mountain Day.

While these three students were waiting to return to Juniata, they met a young squirrel hunter in the woods. They shared their stories with him and encouraged him to attend Juniata. Not only did he ultimately attend, but Martin G. Brumbaugh eventually became president of Juniata, as well as governor of Pennsylvania, all because he decided to go out squirrel hunting on that pivotal day in Juniata history!

Storming of the Arch, one of our other great traditions, has its own unique quirks as well. Sure, a bunch of students smashing each other to pieces in a hopeless attempt for freshmen to achieve fame, recognition, and decent living conditions is already a pretty odd thing to encounter on a col-

lege campus

However, did you know that it is not even a real arch that they are trying to make it through?

One day, as I was standing in the passageway underneath Cloister, I looked up and it hit me, "These beams are square!"

After catching myself from falling to the ground in disbelief, I took a moment to collect myself as I came to a striking realization: the Arch is not really an arch at all!

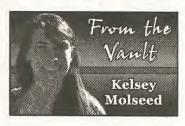
...A bunch of freshman, dressed like chickens, super heroes, or Trojan horses, screaming and running headlong into the face of fear itself, the rugby teams, in an attempt to make it through an "Arch" that is not even a real arch ... Now that is quirky.

Some other quirks on Juniata's campus require a certain perspective through time. Each time students return to campus in the fall, changes have been made to campus. Buildings get facelifts, new courses are added, the community changes as professors retire, new ones are hired and a new group of freshmen replace the senior class each year.

These little changes provide memorable landmarks to our Juniata careers, and some laughable moments looking back as well.

For example, anyone from the class of 2014 should remember the old, crumbling stairs that used to lead up to A la Carte off of Moore Street, just left of the entrance to A100. They were in bad shape and needed to go, but, of course, change can be hard for some people to process. It was especially tough for the people who walked out the doors from A la Carte to head down to Moore Street and found

Ghosts of Juniatians Past



The following article is from the first Juniatian issue of the 1942-43 school year, published Sept. 30, 1942. During the previous December, the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor led to an immediate

declaration of war against Japan and Germany.

Other articles from this 1942 issue refer to air raid drills and campus-wide blackouts. It's interesting to consider the average experience of today's freshmen compared to that of 1942, when college careers were threatened by military drafts and air raid drills interrupted studying.

The article text appears here exactly as it did in the original 1942 issue.

To Freshmen, A Welcome And A Challenge The Juniatian, September 30, 1942

Where in other years it may have sufficed at this time merely to extend a welcome to the incoming freshmen there seems necessary this year a welcome + a challenge. Where in other years we may have discussed with them the problem of college adjustment, replete with examples in the form of numerous confident upperclassmen, this year we must recognize in addition the problem, new to us all, of adaptation to changed world conditions, and toward its solution our suggestions can be only faltering and uncertain. Where we might once have exhorted upperclassmen to be sure guides on ways already known to them, now we must ask everyone to go trail-marking together, for all the ways are not known.

The challenge we spoke of might be hinted at by referring to this year's freshmen class as really the first "war class." Theirs is the task of solving problems which we did not even vaguely consider when we were freshmen. One is a problem that is past. That was to decide whether or not to enter college, conditions being what they are. The students, by coming, have already settled that question. One is a problem that is future. That has to do, especially in the case of the boys, with the student's staying-power at Juniata, now that he has entered. Circumstances and events are almost the controlling factors in this case.

But there is a problem that is present. It is a problem that has not been solved and will not be taken out of the student's hands. Right here and now, in this place and at this time, the student must make his own individual link between himself of the school and himself of the nation and world. He cannot ignore either, for he is both, and, whether isolationist or general-in-all-but-deed, he is one-half warped. He cannot be a dual personality, a war-time schizophreniac, but he must unite, compromise, blend.

Perhaps the student wishes to do something in connection with the war effort. In that case he will do well to remember that he is not trying to bring war to the campus, but the real, all-around-applicable effort. Perhaps he could do no better than to "militate" in those things which he does daily in the place where he finds himself—to clothe his interior being with a glorious uniform of courage and devotion, and to conduct himself with strictest self-discipline and military "Attention!"

And since the college student is alleged to be a human being of higher-than-average intelligence and longer-thanaverage memory, there is no one more suited than he to revive and keep reviving the idea that we are not fighting from the mere brute instinct of conflict or for mere victory over enemies finally vanquished, but to have and to hold what we consider the highest values of life and spirit,

The War Class of '46 has cropped up in a time when, as in no other way, they have the opportunity and privilege of proving that education is one of those values worth fighting for.

themselves running into, and nearly flipping over the handrail!

I never witnessed such an event personally, but accounts of these incidents were widespread in the weeks following that change. Every once in awhile, you will still overhear hear someone grumbling, "that patio is so stupid! Why did they take out those stairs?"

Other changes on campus, like the recent changes in our administration, will leave us with fond memories looking back, such as former President Kepple getting his groove on during the Harlem Shake (look it up on YouTube!), and exciting prospects as we look forward to seeing how President Troha and other new administrators lead Juniata into the future.

All of these changes, quirks and strange stories are part of what makes Juniata the second home that it is to me. It is kind of like that quirky friend who you do not quite know what to make of. He is kind of weird, but when you are with him, there is never a dull moment, and there is always something about him that keeps you hanging around!

1973 Stagg Bowl anniversary team inspires 3-0 start

By AAREN SELLERS

This season marks the 40th anniversary of the 1973 Juniata football team that played in the first Division III national championship Stagg Bowl game. The team not only had a great season, but also left a legacy for future Juniata football teams to follow.

The 2013 team is off to a great start this season, coming into week four holding a record of 3-0. The Eagles are ready to do whatever it takes to keep the streak alive and live up to the legacy left by the 1973 team.

Head Coach Tim Launtz said, "I think it serves as an example to our players. That those Juniata men, you just look in their eyes, and you look at them and they are the same as the men we have now. They come from the same places, they came here looking for that opportunity and that chance to do something, to achieve something and look what they did."

The influence that the team of '73 holds over Juniata's program is undeniable.

"I think it's big. The guys really look up to that and think that's pretty cool," senior linebacker Kevin Gorman said. "We just want to do what we can do and do our best for that '73 team."

Stuart Jackson, a member of the 1973 team, is still amazed by the impact that their success has on the program today. Being in the same shoes as the team now, he had a few words of encouragement.

"First thing off the top of my head would be the leadership of the upperclassmen on the team. Being a wide eyed freshman, you looked to those guys who set a great example as to the work ethic and commitment needed to succeed," Jackson said.

Freshman wide receiver Aaron O'Brien also finds inspiration through the accomplishments of the 1973 team. "It's great for us to look back on them as an example of what we want to be," O'Brien said.

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Stuart Jackson Member of the '73 team

off to great start, there are still things coaches and players plan on improving.

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"First and foremost would be attitude and understanding that it's 10% of what happens to us and 90% of how we deal with it. Understanding also that it's all about the team," Launtz said. "We talk all of the time about big team and

little me, and that the team is the most important thing. The team is always greater than the sum of its parts, and that's what we try to convey"

Jackson felt the same way about the '73 team. "There were some incredibly talented football players on the Stagg Bowl team. But I can't think of one time any of the players put themselves above the rest. It goes back to leadership of the upperclassmen. It just didn't happen," Jackson said.

Agreeing with the importance of team and leadership, Gorman had something else to add. "Just knowing how to come out and practice. A couple of years ago we really didn't know how to practice and now we are coming out and competing against each other every day and making each other better. The biggest difference is just how we practice," Gorman said.

"Goals are like I said, just to win games and compete. Coach Launtz preaches that we can't give up and if we work hard during the week, good things will happen come Saturday," said Gorman.

"We just need to follow our game plan, execute our plays and just keep doing what we are doing," said O'Brien.

The success of the 2013 season so far mimics Launtz's idea of team being the main aspect. The Eagles are currently averaging 38.7 points per game, and not one job in the mix goes unnoticed.

O'Brien feels that the team is playing well together. "All of the guys on the defense are doing great. Our line is doing good and (quarterback)Ward (Udinski) has been accurate on all of his passes and making the right calls, doing all of the right things. Receivers are also doing good, running backs are making runs, and everyone is just doing a great job," O'Brien said.

"Just everyone really is playing an integral part to our success. As long as we are all out there, competing with each other and making each other better," said Gorman.

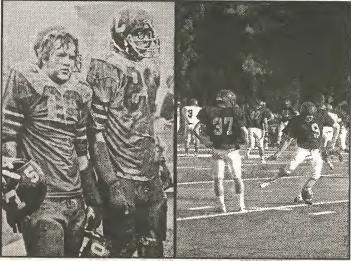
Coach Launtz realizes the team's early success, but wants to keep the team focused on their ultimate goals.

"I think it comes back to that we can never be satisfied, that we can never be comfortable. It's staying focused on the process and realizing that there's a gradual evolution that all teams go through. And that you can't look too far ahead. It's just looking at what the next game is,"

Launtz said. "And also understanding that it's about competing. And understanding that if we rest or take off and don't compete then there will be consequences. That's what we need to continue, staying focused on the process and continue competing."

Jackson also had some overall advice to give to the team. "Stay focused on the current opponent. You are off to a great start, but you still need to work on improving. I understand that the college is recommitting itself to make Juniata competitive again," Jackson said. "If so, your future should be bright and I hope that 40 years from now Juniata will be welcoming you back to be honored!"

The Juniata Eagles are back in action on Saturday, September 28th at Franklin & Marshall, hop-



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Left: Members of the 1973 Division III championship football team cheer on their teammates. Right: Junior Ken Kysor practices his onside kicks.

Athletes forced to turn in uniforms as academic demands increase

By Steph Pagliaro

Many students who quit playing college sports do so between their sophomore and junior year, often due to academic conflicts. Regardless of the reason the athlete chooses to quit, it always has the potential to impact the team in either a positive or negative manner.

For many teams at Juniata, losing student athletes has not been a huge problem in recent years. "Our retention has been very good in my three years here," said head football coach Tim Launtz.

Head men's volleyball coach Kevin Moore believes his team has not been dramatically impacted by losing student athletes. "We always have plenty of guys on the roster," said Moore. "In the past three years have we had players leave the program? Yes, but never to a point where it's reduced our roster to the point of impacting our ability to compete or train."

Some coaches believe that students quitting at this level is to be expected. "I don't think students quitting is a problem. I think natural attrition is healthy. You're going to have that," said head field hockey coach Caroline Gillich.

Juniata's faculty athletic representative, Randy Rosenberger, Swigart Support Associate Professor of Business and Economics, agrees. "I think it almost has to happen. It would be unrealistic to think that people would just come and have everything go just how they want it to."

Much of the time, students real-

ize the reality of playing a college sport does not match their expectations before the season starts.

"Very few quit after the season. For the most part, it's usually during the preseason. They start to see the make-up of the team, they kind of start to get a sense of where they stand compared to other guys," said Moore. "When you leave midseason, it's the hardest."

"I would probably say now with freshmen, it's usually before the season starts, before they even get here," said Gillich. "They just start to feel overwhelmed. It's very rare that we lose anybody during the season."

Many student athletes who quit do so between their sophomore and junior year, mainly due to it being a pivotal point in their academic career.

"More often than not, it's definitely academics," said senior field hockey captain Emma Dahmus.

"I think it's really a decision point for people. It's halfway through college. After two years, you get the feeling if it's something you really want to commit that much time to," said former field hockey player Morgan Dux.

Also, athletes may begin to realize that they are not going any farther with their sport and decide to focus on professional opportunities instead.

"Once you figure out what you want to do, you become more focused with it," said Dahmus. "99 percent of athletes are going to stop after their senior year. Once

they realize they aren't going any further with it, they may decide to focus on other things that will carry out past college."

Rosenberger stresses the many demands put on student athletes. "The student demands are intense, and Division III sports demands are intense," said Rosenberger. "I think just trying to keep up with all that is difficult. And when these difficulties are present, that's often the source of the problem."

Academics may be only one reason students athletes quit. Some athletes quit because they want more time for themselves.

"For me, it was partially academic. Also, just the fact that I hardly had any time for anything, whether it be school work or just hanging out with friends," said former football player Silas Robinson.

In other cases, students lose their passion for the sport. "Everyone has personal reasons. Sometimes they just don't want to continue playing," said senior volleyball player Alex McColgin.

"I always hear I just don't love it anymore," said senior football captain Kevin Gorman.

Often times, students decide not to be a part of the team because of what they are getting out of it.

"Typically, on our team, it tends to be more so those players who are not getting to play in a vast majority of the games," said Gillich. "Usually those that are getting the opportunity to play and feel that it's a good use of their time will

continue doing so."

"I think the other big reason relates to input/output. As coaches, at least in our program, we demand the same level of commitment from everyone. For players on the court, their input matches their output," said Moore. "At the end

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Randy Rosenberger Faculty Athletic Representative

of one or two years of an imbalance of input and output, I think players start reevaluating their time commitment."

Some players quit because they disagree with their coach's policies. "I didn't see eye to eye with the coach. A lot of things happened that I didn't necessarily agree with," said former volleyball player Paul Ejups. "There were some issues that weren't being addressed, so I decided not to be a part of it any-

more "

Regardless of the reason, the dynamic of a team is impacted when an athlete quits. "We are a family. And anytime you lose someone, you lose part of the family. We are pretty resilient, but hate to see anyone leave," said Launtz.

Still, others argue the impact may be positive. "It's kind of tough, but sometimes if a guy eliminates himself it shows that they weren't as committed as they should've been," said McColgin. "It's sometimes a good thing that they're gone and it gives other guys that are more serious about the sport more reps in practice and more time in games."

"There are some people where it does actually help the team that they quit. Sometimes the people who quit are the people who have the attitudes and are the ones who come to practice and bring other people down," said Dahmus. "I would imagine more often than not, people quitting would lead to the more beneficial side, solely because usually big players don't quit."

While being a student athlete can be difficult, the coaching staff at Juniata does a lot to help their athletes stay involved in their sport but also understand how to balance their athletic and academic commitments. "Overall, I think the coaches are doing a good job of making sure students know where their priorities should be," said Dux. "And Juniata really excels in

No. 7 women's volleyball team sets sights on national championship

By Bobby Moodispaugh

After a preseason ranking of No. 20 in the country and a 13-0 start, the Juniata College women's volleyball team has jumped to No. 7 after a victory over No. 6 Washington-St. Louis.

"We've started off well. We started off from a higher point than what we've had in a couple years, so the team is further along in their development," said head coach Heather Pavlik.

The team has been excellent in terms of delivering on all aspects of the game. "We've been winning the pass and serve game. When we pass well and we serve well, we end up playing really well," said junior Amelia Kepler.

Senior Âmy Miller agreed and said, "Everyone on the team has a lot of talent. Everyone who has gotten in the game has been able to contribute."

"We're serving the ball really well. I think we've out-served all of our competition so far, which gives us an advantage because our opponent is now not in their offense like they would like to be. It gives us a better opportunity to transition," said Pavlik.

Another major key to the Eagles' success has been their ability to come together as a team on and

off the court. "The fact that we spend so much time together off the court helps us on the court. It helps us trust each other and play together as a team rather than six individuals out there," said Miller.

That team chemistry has been vital to the comfort that the players feel playing side by side with one another.

Miller has also been a major player for the Eagles, second on the team in kills. "She (Miller) has raised her level of play considerably in her senior year," said

At this early stage in the year, there is always room for improvement in all areas of the game. "We have been spending a lot of time working defensively, ironing out serve and receive situations because I have been mixing and matching lineups," said Pavlik.

The team knows that it will be difficult to keep up this streak of success, but believes that if they can come together as one, the team will be the best it can be. "Do I expect that we'll go through the rest of the season undefeated? Probably not. We're going to hit some points where we're probably going to struggle a little bit. That is not a bad thing. If they make their way through the difficult times together as a group, they're going



The women's volleyball team huddles after practice. The Eagles have jumped to No. 7 in the national polls after a promising 13-0 start. The team next travels to Christopher Newport University for a two-day tournament this weekend.

to be better in the end. But if they can keep pushing, I do think it's a group that can be pretty good by the end of the year," said Pavlik.

The team has been getting contributions from all players, even the younger players. Kepler said, "Coming in, they had a lot to learn, but they picked up really quick on everything, which made our lives easier and made their lives easier."

"I've been really impressed with the freshmen. I think they have really stepped it up a lot. They don't play like freshmen; they play like they have been here for a while. They know what they are doing already," said Miller, "It's only the beginning of the season; I can't wait to see where they are at the end of the season.'

The Eagles have many big games coming up against conference opponents and other highly ranked schools, but the team looks forward to every game they have. "This year, every single match is important. No match is more important than another. We need to play everyone like it is the national championship game. Take everyone seriously," said Miller.

The team certainly has high hopes for the end of the season. "We're going to win a national championship," said all three of the girls. The ladies last won a national championship in 2006 over Washington-St. Louis, going 41-1 on the year. High standards to look up to, but certainly within reach for this year's team.

Freshmen look to make immediate impact on collegiate careers

By CHRIS BEALL

Aaron O'Brien

O' Brien, a graduate of York Catholic High School, is the wide receiver on the football team who has already been granted a starting role during his first year on the team. He is one of the favorite targets on the team and regularly gets open. He has eleven receptions so far this season, along with an impressive 205 receiving yards and two touchdown receptions.

Joe Potkovac

Potkovac, a graduate of North Penn High School in Lansdale, PA, is also a member of the football team who has already proven himself to be a starter and overall a reliable teammate. Throughout his high school experience, Potkovac earned a several honors, including first team All-League defensive tackle and second team All-League offensive tackle. Potkovac serves as right tackle for the Eagles and has undoubtedly played a significant role in their 3-0 start.

Nakita Gearhart

Gearhart, a graduate of Greencastle-Antrim rugh School in Waynesboro, PA, achieved ample success on her high school volleyball team. A four year letter winner and an All-State selection during multiple years, Gearhart now looks to continue her successes on the college court. She was a four-time first team Capital Division selection and named Capital Division Player of the Year in 2012. She had a solid reputation in high school as a great volleyball player and has already started to build one on Juniata's campus. She currently ranks in the top five on the team in terms of kills and points.

Kelly Reynolds

Reynolds was a three-year starter for the Upper Saint Clair High School volley-

team. She was named as a Western Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic League first team All-Section member in 2010, 2011 and 2012. She also earned WPIAL second team All-Star honors during her junior and senior seasons. Reynolds led her team to the WPIAL semifinals as a captain in her final two seasons. She also has earned quite a bit of playing time so far this year. Currently, Reynolds is second on the team in aces and has helped the team get off to a remarkable 13-0 start.

Elise Onjack

Onjack is a three-year letter winner from Bangor Area High School. She helped her field hockey team make its way to the 2010 Colonial League Championship. She was also named second team All-Colonial and honorable mention All-Area honors. She was also named the Morning Call player in her senior season. During her senior year she was named team captain. She has already proven herself to be a

key player on the field hockey team by playing in all of their games and ranking among the team leaders in points.

Kristen Ostrzyzek

Ostrzyzek came to Juniata from Belvidere High School in Hope, NJ. She racked up several distinct honors throughout her high school volleyball experience. She was the Belvidere Defensive Player of the Year and was also named first team All-Skylands Conference and second team All-Warren County. She was also given the honor of first team Express Times. To top off her senior season, she was also named to the All-Star team. She has proven herself to be a formidable defender by playing in all but one of the team's games this season

Aaron Kulig

Kulig, a native of Green Lane, PA, was a soccer player for Boyertown High School. He has earned a great deal of playing time early in his career by starting all but two of the team's games. Kulig currently leads the team in goals

and points. He also is in the top five in terms of shots and shooting percentage. He currently ranks fourth in points for the Landmark Conference.

Dani Meyer-Arrivillaga

Meyer-Arrivillaga came all the way from Durham, NC, where he attended Carolina Friends High School. He has seen quite a bit of playing time early in his college soccer career by earning a starting position in all but two games. He is tied with fellow freshman Kulig for most points and goals on the team. He is also tied with Kulig for fourth in the conference in points. He is in the top five on the team in shots and leads the entire team in shooting percentage. He has helped the team earn a great 6-1-1 record thus far this season.

Rebecca Hingley

Hingley, a two-year starter at West Chester East High School, was named soccer captain her senior year and took on that honor with full force. With she

named Most Valuable Plaver that year. So far she has had a great deal of playing time this season. She has played in all but one game and leads all freshmen in points on the team. It is clear that she makes her shots count, as she is currently fourth on the team in shots on goal percentage. She has helped the team get off to an undefeated start at 7-0.

Erin Mueller

Mueller, a four year starter for the Bedford High School soccer team, earned first team Bedford Gazette honors in 2011 and 2012. She was also named to the second "Altoona Mirror" all-star team during her senior year and ultimately named captain for her final season. She also earned the honors of the Impact Player Award in 2011 and 2012. Mueller currently has the most playing time out of all of the goalkeepers on the team. She currently has an impressive 0.42 goals against average.

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Letter to the Editor

Sour Grapes makes fine whine...

I am writing in response to the article 'Stranded high and dry: discrepancies in study abroad' in the April 11, 2013 edition where the article seemed to highlight only certain students' experiences.

While the article initially focused on the programmatic side of study abroad, the rest of the article seemed to blindside CIE (Center of International Education) by asking different questions to those students who were disgruntled based on their personal experience. It is easier to cast stones when you are not here on campus to address these grievances (I counted two), so I hope those students will return and/or discuss with their faculty sponsors to make it a better experience for the next student

There was also a leave of absence mixed up in the article which is not a CIE problem. When students want to study at another school that is not a sanctioned program, the situation is called a 'transfer', and yes, we do not accept grades. You must ask permission to use any credits earned after matriculation (degree seeking) and you are only allowed 15 credits where 8 can be used for the POE. Students, who leave to do their own thing take their chances after the fact, are in the boat they built. The student must pick up the transfer clearance form and meet with the department chair of the subject matter to give the OK and only if it is C- or above.

Some valid points:

- there is a lot of information available on CIE's website
- · not all programs are alike

• not all funding can be applied (Juniata cannot act as the broker for the other school).

Attending the pre-departure meeting without your game face on is counterproductive. We purposely give a handout to take with you to be read alone again with the following advice:

- "Keep a portfolio of your work"
- · "Don't get incompletes"

• "Visit the Registrar's Office before you leave' to verify your information and request an official transcript to be sent to CIE.

It must be noted that the CIE program has significantly grown during my thirteen years. Numbers in the fall 2000 counted only 23 students who went on an Eagles Abroad program. This past fall, we had 58, down a bit by 20 students from fall 2011. This is challenging for everyone involved, especially if the goal is to increase the number of students to study abroad. There is also a wider variety of programs that students can choose from which will have different requirements. My hope for the students interviewed will find over time that their whine will become a memory that will mellow like fine wine.

Athena Frederick, Registrar

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- 4. Honey, cancel work tomorrow: I heard it's Mountain Day.
- 5. Can't you just walk right through the arch, though?
- 6. Does Coach Smith even lift?
- 7. Boats and what?
- 8. I'm a man of the people, call me "Jimbo."
- 9. Baker renovations: That's so fetch.
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Thumbs



Thumbs up to the football team's undefeated record. Here's to more home runs, boys!



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A walk through Israel: Braxton plans research project

By MATT ELIAS

Dr. Donald Braxton, chair of the religion department and J. Omar Good professor of religion, is conducting a study that specifically focuses on religionbased violence in Jerusalem. A member of a multinational research team that includes members from Denmark, the Czech Republic and Canada, Braxton has dedicated eight years to his research with the ultimate goal of developing analytical predictive computer software that highlights hotspots for religiously motivated violence.

"The specific focus on Jerusalem stems from my sabbatical in 2009, not to mention that Jerusalem is considered the most contested piece of religious land on the planet in that it is highly territorial," said Braxton. "Ph.D. students from Denmark have been assisting me in this project, and I have also received



Dr. Donald Braxton, chair of the religion department and J. Omar Good professor of religion, plans to travel to Israel in 2015 for his research. Braxton is currently testing the equipment he will use to measure reactions to various stimuli. Research participants will walk through Israel wearing heart rate monitors and head-mounted cameras.

funding from multiple sources over the years."

Dr. Braxton is financed by Juniata and the Canadian Defense Research Lab. The Air Force

Research Lab also assisted Braxton before military spending cuts forced them to withdraw financial support.

"The full scale launch of my

research will occur in 2015-2016 when I return to Israel for sabbatical. My goal would be to complete all the diagnostic tests and protocols before I go on sabbatical, as well as completing a computer interface that runs as an app," said Braxton.

"The financial support from various militaries sparks great personal intrigue," said sophomore Chad Albert. "I am curious to see if Braxton's research can be applied in other religious hotspots and will serve as an advantage in future conflicts."

Braxton is currently focusing on perfecting the use of monitoring equipment on campus with the goal of importing that information into his application.

Heart rate monitors, galvanic skin responses and head-mounted cameras measure stimuli in test subjects. The data gathered from tests will be synced with a timestamp. Once synchronized, the data from each will be able to run simultaneously using the application.

"The assumption is that

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Clocking in goes mobile

By Spencer VanHoose

Due to the many complaints about the Kronos student employment software, Juniata has released a new, easily accessible, mobile application. Although the new app seems to solve access problems, logging into Kronos on a computer remains an issue.

"For anyone who has a campus job that they are getting paid for, Kronos is responsible for that and that's how they clock their hours," said Joel Pheasant, director of technology solutions center.

"The app is a new option from Kronos – one I was extremely excited to implement and offer to our students especially," said Melinda Bowser, payroll specialist. "I know the Java issue with computers is what has held us back from using Kronos successfully and students being happy with the software. We just rolled out the mobile app campus-wide on Sept. 18. Once we established a network connection, the app worked perfectly."

Many student employees are pleased with the new app.

"It loads much faster than a computer. Instead of sitting there waiting for the computer to log in, and then waiting for Kronos to load into the browser, which you usually had to do multiple times, it now works perfectly on your mobile phone," said senior Justin Bookhammer, a student manager at the Technology Solutions Center.

"It's really quick to punch in and out, which is nice, but you can't edit any punch mistakes from the app,' said sophomore Caitlin Emslie.

"I feel that the Kronos Mobile app is the answer to our ongoing Java issues for students and will be a relief as more and more students start to use it," said Bowser. "Many students have smartphones or iPads, so not only does it avoid the Java issue, but being able to approve timecards, log in and out through the app, makes this a user-friendly and convenient option for our student employees."

Sophomore Kayla Oaster was not aware of the app's existence. "It's so complicated. I hate logging in, it takes so much time, so I hope the app is much quicker," said Oaster.

Juniata has not always used Kronos.

"I think we actually started using it around 2004," said Barbara Hughes, director of administration information services.

Though there were other packages Juniata could have purchased, the alternatives to Kronos allegedly did not meet the needs of the school. "Students are kind of odd

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Grads, undergrads share classrooms

By ZACH LEMON

Undergraduate students studying finance and accounting and graduate students in the Master's of Accounting program are taking classes together, as Juniata College is providing several "blended courses."

"Cost Accounting is mostly graduate students in that class. There's I believe two juniors - myself, and another junior, and then about half the class is graduate students," said junior Garret Pettyjohn, an accounting POE. Pettyjohn said that Cost Accounting is a 350 level course for undergraduates and a 500 level course for the master's students.

"The way the class is taught, it's really no different, it's just the material that's being taught, and of course the graduate students do have an extra lab," said Pettyjohn.

Patricia Weaver, Charles A. Dana professor of accounting, business and economics, is teaching Corporate Taxation, another course that brings together undergraduate and graduate students.

"Corporate Tax is a blended course in the sense that undergrads take it for three credits. The grad students take it for four, so I meet with just the grad students one day a week outside of the normal Monday, Wednesday, Friday sequence, and they do corporate

tax research."

According to Weaver, one of the more unique features of Juniata College's MAcc program is the accounting research requirements for graduate students.

Senior Morgan Hileman, another accounting POE, is enrolled in three blended courses: Cost Accounting, Auditing and Corporate Taxation. Hileman said that the workloads are appropriate for the levels of the classes.

Junior Shayna King, who is, studying accounting in hopes of becomong a Corporate Public Accountant, is taking Cost Accounting with Dr. Peruso and sees advantages to having classes with graduate students.

"He gives us a lot of homework problems, but it's nice because, while the problems are really challenging, the grad students are able to give us insight that we might not see," said King. King said that the graduate students and undergraduate students in Cost Accounting receive different syllabi and that graduate students meet with the professors for additional class periods.

"The graduate courses don't get listed at all. They know what they have to take," explained Weaver. "What we were worried about was that undergraduates would try to take the graduate classes and they really can't do that."

This is the second year of the first official master's degree program at Juniata College.

"We started our second year this past May, May of 2013, and we graduated our first group of six students in the master's program," said Dominick Peruso, chair of the accounting, business and economics department.

"I thought there would be more of a problem. I actually anticipated more of a problem," said Weaver, who is teaching her first blended course this semester.

The program, while successful so far, is still evolving. Some students who are pursuing the CPA license are making POE changes. Senior Robert Yemola is one such student. Yemola is studying finance and plans to become a licensed CPA.

"I'm a finance POE, but (my) ultimate career goal is accounting, it's just that many of the advisors are encouraging the students who are planning on doing the accounting master's program to do finance because some of the classes are overlapping. If you do finance and then the master's of accounting (program), you get a wider range of classes. If you take accounting undergrad, you're going to take Corporate Tax as an undergrad, and then also again as a grad student."

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Two jobs on opposite sides of the world

By HALEY SCHENIDER

Wang Wei-Chung, assistant professor of economics, splits his time between Juniata and Kdan Mobile, a software company based in Taiwan, as the vice president of global marketing.

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Wang works as both a professor and the vice president of Kdan Mobile by taking advantage of Asia's 12-hour time difference.

"Tonight we are going to have a meeting at 9:30 and generally it will run probably for three hours because it's a big conference call," said Wang. "I send out emails at 3:00 in the morning and also at 5:00 in the morning.

Kdan Mobile is a company that develops and sells mobile apps for smartphones. Although the company is based in China and Taiwan, it has a large American market. Wang, who was raised in Taiwan but attended college and graduate school in the United States, was hired by Kdan's founder to help the company reach out to their American customers.

"He realized that most of his sales were actually done in English-speaking countries, particularly in the United States," said Wang. "He thought he needed somebody to help him understand the U.S. market a little bit better. Presumably that person is also going to be able to communicate with him in Chinese. Through a mutual friend he was able to reach me."

Wang was brought into the company as a marketing advisor and has established a process for the marketing procedure in Taiwan as well as hiring and building

"So my first summer I went to Taiwan to meet up with the team as well as the founder for the first time after I did all this work," said Wang. "The founder wanted me to take on more challenges by entering the upper management."

Wang's position with Kdan has allowed him to provide his students with both real-world advice and internship opportunities.

"The company has since expanded and now we just officially had our U.S. operations put together. We opened up a subsidiary in the United States," said Wang. "I am the general manager that oversees the whole process and, because of that, I actually started hiring interns."

Wang's position at Juniata gives him an advantage in choosing interns for Kdan since he knows the students personally and is familiar with their work.

Last year, Wang took two of his senior interns on a business trip to help promote Kdan Mobile.

"I took Vinny Smith and Alex Davis, both business POEs, to San Francisco in February to attend Macworld, the trade show," said Wang. "They were helping the company as marketing assistants."

"We were showing off Kdan's mobile applications that the company had developed," said Alex Davis, '13. "We were showing them to the public, sort of showing the features and the benefits at never learn in a class," said Smith.

This year, senior Jessica Matlack has an internship with Kdan Mobile.

pending on the job.

"They're very different, I have very different."

"It was a good awakening to how the real world operates,' said Smith.

said Matlack.

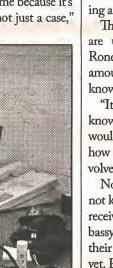
"Interacting with people in a tradeshow was a great experience. You definitely learn how to think on your feet if somebody asks you a question," said Vincent Smith, '13. "Even just the professional travel experience- like doing a business trip to San Francisco- that was huge. That's something you would

"I do various marketing tasks like trying to make connections, get mentions in blogs and articles, things like that," said Matlack. "I do some proof reading too to make sure it would sound natural to an American. Making general comments, just basically sort of picking up marketing loose ends and sort of helping guide the American market part of the business."

Wang adjusts his work style de-

to tell you," said Wang. "With the students, you always want to teach them. You always want to educate them. With my employees, with my team members, teaching is less of a concern because a business needs to be moved forward. If they cannot handle it I have to let them go. That aspect is very,

"I've learned so much already in a short amount of time because it's not theoretical, it's not just a case,'



Wang Wei-Chung is the vice president of global marketing for Kdan Mobile, a company located in Taiwan. Wang takes advantage of Asia's 12-hour time difference by working as a professor by day and for Kdan Mobile by night.

JC gets a taste of Germany

By CAL KING

The German program, in conjunction with the world languages department, is sponsoring a number of activities this week that coincides with President Troha's inauguration week.

According to Judith Benz, associate professor of German, the barrage of activities that the German program is sponsoring partially comes out of a grant from the German Embassy in Washington D.C.

Although Benz has contacted the embassy in the past, this is the first year she has received a letter to apply. Benz, along with Deb Roney, assistant professor of English and director of Language in Motion, took full advantage of the

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Brittney Marchand, '16

letter and submitted the grant application last week, and are waiting for a response from the embassy.

The grant provides German programs on college campuses around the country with some funding and assorted prizes to give out during a week-long outreach program.

The precise terms of the grant are unclear, even to Benz and Roney. Likewise, the actual amount of funding is still an unknown to them.

"It's a mystery to us. We don't know what kind of things they would send, and we don't know how much money would be involved," said Roney.

Not only do Benz and Roney not know exactly what they will be receiving from the German embassy, but also they do not know if their application has been accepted yet. Regardless of whether the application is accepted or rejected, the events will still be carried out. The only difference is that the funding for the German Campus Week as minimal as it is - will have to come out of local budgets of either

the Global Village Initiative or the world language department.

The events will begin with a screening of "Das Leben der Anderen," or "The Lives of Others," a film about Stasi surveillance of civilians during the Cold War. The film will be shown at 7:00 p.m. in Neff on Oct. 17.

"With the growing concern over government surveillance, the issues covered in the film are hot," said Benz.

The next event lined up ties in with one of Juniata's Department Days, where prospective students can visit a department that might be of interest to him or her. In this case, Juniata's Department Day features the history, pre-law, political science, peace and conflict studies and the international studies departments, as well as the world languages department.

As a result, Benz and Roney have planned a workshop for prospective students to analyze European and German political or social issues within their disciplines. At the end of the day, the goal is to come together and discuss the issues from a crossdisciplinary perspective.

"That perspective," said Roney, "is an important part of the grant's mission."

Following the Department Day, the German club is planning to hold Oktoberfest, a celebration for the German activities week.

On Oct. 19 from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., the German club will have a tent up on the quad and will serve up to two free beers to those of age, in addition to selling bratwursts and pretzels. The event will also feature a pronunciation bee where contestants can compete to correctly pronounce difficult German words.

Sophomore Brittney Marchand, acting president of the German club and facilitator of the Oktoberfest, has been helping to plan

"It will be bigger than normal due to the inauguration weekend. We're expecting about double the usual turnout and, as a result, have to scale the whole thing up," said Marchand.

The Sunday following the Oktoberfest festivities will feature a round robin-style soccer tournament for Global Village residents, where teams will compete for a trophy. The event is organized by Sara Brotzman, the international services coordinator, and will take place from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

German Opportunities Day will occur on the following Wednesday this year. For those who have not witnessed it, German Opportunities Day is an event that brings students and teachers from the area high school to campus for a day of programming. The goal is to increase interest in studying German.

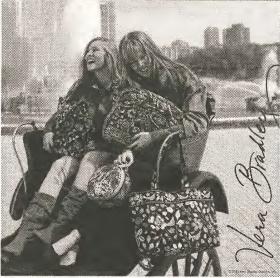
Roney and Benz are going into this with their fingers crossed their "thumbs pressed" to use the German expression - hoping that the grant is accepted.

While it would be nice to receive extra funding, Roney and Benz are not too concerned if they are not given the grant this year.

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Plexus mentoring program helps first year students transition

By KATHERINE TOBAR

The Plexus mentoring program offered by the Office of Diversity and Inclusion hopes to expand from ten student mentees to 50 in the next two years to help first year students transition smoothly into Juniata.

"The first group that started now in August will be in the mentoring program for this entire year. We focus on culture shock where, if you are coming from a large urban area to a small town like Huntingdon, there are a lot of things you are not used to and it can make you feel very isolated and lonely," said Rosalie Rodriguez, special assistant to the president for diversity and inclusion. "The mentors are other students who have been through those experiences."

"The purpose of the program is to help students who have a mul-

ticultural background to transition into Juniata," said senior and mentor Anwar Moledina.

"It helps the mentees by having a smoother transition to campus and having a sense of community and sense of encouragement through the struggles of the first year students," said Lindsay Monihen, Plexus fellowship program coordinator.

The program helps new students adjust to the rural community and the small college experience.

"Schools like Juniata that are placed in rural communities provide a very different experience for students who come from cities or from more diverse regions. Finding ways to grapple with that and prepare students to succeed here at school is important," said Moledina.

"The program was created to ensure that the older students have the ability to pass on their experience and the knowledge they gained from those to other students."

"It's like they have an older brother or sister to help them out with stuff. We take them somewhere, give them directions, or if they have a problem we can tell them where to go. We are also an emotional support. They can tell us what is going on in their lives and I can share experiences I've had and give them advice," said Junior Olivia Hockenbroch.

This year, only ten students were chosen as mentees. The Office of Diversity and Inclusion hopes to increase to 25 mentees next year and 50 two years from now.

"The more students we have, the more expensive it becomes. We applied for a grant and we didn't get the grant," said Rodriguez. "The college gave us some money

because they felt like it was a really important thing we should be doing. They gave us some money so we can still get started this year but we're also still looking for more money to run it year to year after this because it's not part of the regular budget or the money that I have been budgeted."

"We will be doing a lot of grant writing to expand the program so we can offer it to more students each passing year. Enrollment and the development office assisted us in that process and we applied for a lot of grants to make it a feasible option," said Monihen.

"Right now ten students is great, but it is not as many students as could benefit from a mentoring program," said Rodriguez. "We would like to expand it so every student that could benefit from a mentor could do it."

"We are freshman and we are

from a big city and this is a really small town. We're first year college students so nobody in our family can give us direction toward what college is about. The program is to help us transition into college and help us through our first year," said freshman and mentee Jared Browning.

"The challenge is making sure that when you realize the struggles you overcome and see someone else is like you, you can prevent them from experiencing the same thing," said Moledina.

"I am excited to display the power of mentorship and the great benefit it is and the opportunity it provides freshmen or any student for that matter," said Monihen.

"Mentorship is a great and beautiful thing. If students are being mentored, I think that really is an influential piece to your college experience."

Religion department professor utilizes student participation for study

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there are specific triggers that push hostilities into certain behaviors," said Braxton. "Using this computer interface app, I can build an emotional map of an area that is religiously conflicted and indicate some predictors based on environmental triggers that will lead people to tip into religiously motivated violence."

"Braxton's research exemplifies the interdependence of our modern world," said junior Caitlyn Pingatore. "It is incredible how his initial research done here at Juniata, a small niche college, can have such a prominent effect on research done on the international level."

When Braxton first conducted on-site research in Jerusalem, he was able to determine differing sensitivities between Israelis and Palestinians. Patriotism is cited as the prominent differentiating sensitivity, as evidenced by the prevalence of Israeli flags within the Jewish quarter, in addition to the variety of schools focused on educating conservative Jews.

Financial investment in the Jewish quarter allows it to exist as a place of business and training, while the Muslim sector exists as a much poorer, overcrowded residential area. Consciously emphasizing a war of attrition, the Israelis seek to deprive the Muslim quarter of financial investment, thus making living conditions so undesirable that Muslims are forced to sell their property.

"Neglect of public services has degraded living conditions in the Muslim quarter. The combination of living conditions and overcrowding has increased stress levels," said Braxton.

"When I conduct my research, I look for places that result in high stress indicators," said Braxton. "I equip members of various factions in the old city of Jerusalem with devices that track human perception. I also collect data on religious orientation and personal background in order to see what kind of heightened vigilance for indicators of social hostility citizens have."

Braxton's on-campus research allows him to gain a comparative understanding of individual human perception in an effort to quantify potential for hostility.

"I plan to test around 300 subjects that will walk a predesignated route throughout Jerusalem," said Braxton. "Each subject will be extensively profiled and will partake in exit interviews. Once the data is collected I will run it in my program in order to determine which places are the most provocative. This will allow me to make predictions about the likelihood of outbreaks of religious hostility. I expect to see hot zones where religious signaling is intense."

In an effort to verify the accuracy of his predictions, Braxton plans to back-test his results against police records in which religion was cited as a catalyst for violence. If the program correlates to violence records of the past, it could more reliably pre-



Junior Feleen Nancarvis assists in Professor Braxton's research. If Braxton's methods prove effective, the next step will be a trip to Israel in 2015 to continue studying the interactions between Israelis and Palestinians.

dict the future.

Upon the conclusion of his research, Braxton plans to publish multiple papers on his findings regarding religion-based violence. Furthermore, Braxton also plans to publish papers on his computer modeling and the use of monitors to study religious behavior.

"As a student, it is incredibly rewarding to see professors who are passionate about their subjects," said sophomore Ryan Lamparter. "Juniata upholds a high academic reputation, and when I see professors who immerse themselves in their work, it motivates me to do the same."

Accounting

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King is also planning to individualize her POE to accounting and financial management.

"I know that they're rearranging the designated accounting POE so that you don't have to take classes twice," said King.

Peruso said that the decision to add the MAcc program was mostly due to a change in requirements in Pennsylvania and several other states in which a student would need 150 credit hours in accounting before taking the CPA exam.

There has been talk of the administration adding more graduate level programs.

"There's some buzz that there's a (proposal for a) master's in science education, but I have not seen the proposal," said Peruso.

Although Juniata currently only offers a single master's program in accounting, if the program is successful, other master's programs could follow.

Special Olympics







Top left: Volleyball contestants warm up with their partners for the competition in Kennedy Sports and Recreation Center on Sept. 29. Bottom left: One of the athletes competes in the bocce contest. Right: A Special Olympics participant makes an animal mask with a volunteer at the Olympic Village.

Opportunities offered for stress relief

By Nick Stoliaroff

This semester, a variety of new stress-relief opportunities are now available to Juniata students.

Dr. Grace Fala, professor of communications, gave her advice as to what students should do when faced with stress throughout the semester. She said that any outdoor activity would help to reduce stress, including taking walks and noticing the surroundings, playing games with others or participating in a club. Opportunities for these kinds of stress-reducing activities are endless at Juniata.

Associate Professor of Environmental Science Neil Pelkey's Environmental Awareness course has students participate in yoga, meditation and star gazing. Pelkey believes that these kinds of activities can be remarkably therapeutic.

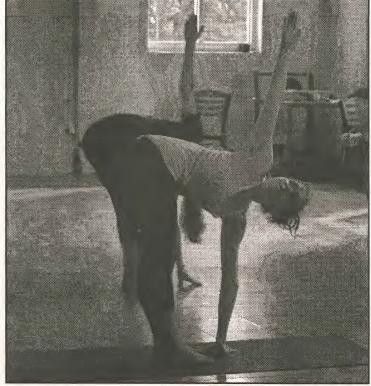
"Any time you just lay and listen to something in a high pitched hum it will really help you out, and it's just really easy. You can lay in the grass, lay in the snow, take a blanket, be comfortable. Find some place you can close your eyes and just listen," said Pelkey.

Yoga is a form of physical meditation that enhances flexibility, strength and clarity of thinking. This is a great activity for students looking to relax, as it focuses on breathing, relaxation and meditation to balance the body, mind and emotions. Opportunities to practice yoga exist outside of Pelkey's course as well. Interested students may wish to look into the programs offered by the wellness center downtown.

Carole Baker gives guided meditation sessions at the Unity House on Mondays. Due to its increasing popularity, the sessions may be offered more than once per week soon.

Baker teaches how to reduce tension in the face, which opens the possibility of reducing tension in other parts of the body. Students also learn how to breathe consciously, paying attention to the 'in breath' and the 'out breath' in order to bring attention to the present moment.

"Worrying about the past or the future increases stress and has no benefit because the present moment is the only moment we can influence. The present moment is



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Senior Victoria Loza practices yoga in the Von Liebig dance studio. Other stress management activities include taiqi taught by Professor Philip Dunwoody and meditation sessions led by Buddhist Minister Carole Baker.

where we live. Meditation brings us there," said Baker. A walking meditation exercise is performed at the end of each class in order to better coordinate the breathing with each step.

Associate Professor of Psychology Philip Dunwoody teaches taiqi, a traditional form of Chinese kung fu with a meditative component.

"It focuses a lot on deep breathing and relaxation. Those are things that they find healthy. They lower your blood pressure, they're good for your stress levels and they help you to relax. Taiqi has been popularized in the West more as a health practice than a martial art," said Dunwoody.

Dunwoody helps run The Mighty Eagles inbound program, for which he teaches taiqi. He also instructs taiqi every spring for a two credit course in the theatre department.

At the Wellness Center in Huntingdon, Dunwoody teaches taiqi every Tuesday and Thursday from 5:00 to 6:15 p.m. "The Thursday class that I do downtown is free and open to the public, so anyone can come to that for free. I do that because it's relaxing, it's designed to get people in, get them moving just a little bit by stretching their body and learning to breathe

deeply and relax," said Dunwoody.

"If you are continuously stressed and busy, you often don't even realize how stressed and busy you are. You're so far from being relaxed and it's been so long since you've been relaxed, you don't even realize that you're not relaxed anymore," said Dunwoody.

"I de-stress also by talking to people and that's very easy here. Just like meeting people randomly and talking to them," said junior Ana Marques.

Junior Chinami Katahara said that she was not aware of these yoga, meditation and taiqi classes because there are no advertisements for them. Another issue she mentioned was not having enough time to do these things during the week.

Senior Katie Maley mentioned that it might be good to have a forum where people form a support group in which upperclassmen help younger students to solve any problems they may be having. It could be a course focused on time management, similar to CWS.

"One of the things that I think would be extremely helpful would be a lifestyle or physical education course. Students could get a credit for just being active," said Pelkey.

Letter to the Editor

To the Editor,

I wanted to commend you on your editorial of April

11: "Tossing the Times."

Let me preface this by letting your readers know I have a serious bias — that being more than 30 years working in the newspaper business. It has been my only profession, and I still believe in the printed media, despite the so-called death of print journalism and the proliferation of social media and "community journalists." To which I would add: Would you hire a plumber to write a four-part series on corruption in Huntingdon County? But I digress ...

The editorial was cogent, if at the least to remind the entire Juniata community of the value of reading — and keeping up to date with current events of our world. If school officials believe the \$12,700 cost to provide The New York Times in dorms and elsewhere became too prohibitive, and I have no reason to doubt them.

Perhaps an alternative is in order. Has anyone thought about putting copies of The Times for sale at various sites on campus? During my last visit April 18, I noticed several copies in the bookstore, but on reserve underneath the clerks' counter. Why not have copies displayed for all for a single copy fee, or a reduced rate? Better yet: why not install several news boxes on campus?

Why not place boxes from several newspapers from

the area and beyond?

I know, I know: Students and faculty can get all their news online. No question that is the way we are heading; my own company, which owns the Patriot-News of Harrisburg among its holdings, has embarked on three days print, more days digital.

Print can still play an important part of the information world that we live in. This crabby old reporter/copy

editor believes strongly it can.

Thanks for your time, and keep on reading!

Anthony Salamone
Assistant News Editor

The Express-Times Easton, Pa.

(The writer is also proud parent of Juniata grad Nathan Salamone, '13.)

App makes Kronos reliable

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employees for payroll packages because students tend to have multiple jobs. They come and they go, and they don't have regular work hours," said Hughes.

"That's an issue, so Kronos was chosen to be the best system to deal with that kind of thing."

According to Pheasant, Kronos has not always had issues.

"Over time, these issues have gotten more frequent. It really became a problem when browsers started blocking that specific version of Java," said Pheasant. pus with Kronos are not because Kronos is not working the way it should. It is because the versions of Java on computers are a version that is not compatible with Kronos," said Bowser.

"If you have a version of Java that works with Kronos, you will not have any problems. I believe any software we would implement could potentially have the same problems with Java that we have with Kronos."

"Java has a long history as being a security hole on your computer. Java opens up possible places were a virus could run on your computer," said Pheasant. "Kronos thinks it needs a specific version to run, and that (version) has been marked as a very insecure version."

It is also an issue that Kronos is not owned by Juniata.

"Kronos is a program that we purchased. It's not something that we have created in-house. It's not something that we can go in and make a quick code change to, so we are stuck with that issue," said Pheasant. "It is as much a frustration for us as is for the students. As a supervisor, I have to log in and do the timecards and I run into the same issues."

"I know the Java related issues we have on campus have over-shadowed the good that Kronos has brought to us," said Bowser. "Hopefully with the new release of the app, students will have an easier time with using Kronos."



Hypocrisy at Mr. Juniata: What constitutes



If you attended Mr. Juniata this past weekend, you are aware that during the performance the emcee, Amy Mathur, chair of the English department and assistant professor of English, made it clear to the entire audience that she had a say this because Duncan's remark problem with the talent chosen by senior Duncan Reiss.

For those who were not stage that evening. present, Reiss' talent involved reading song lyrics as though they word "b*tch" on multiple occawere spoken word poems while senior Steve Kidhardt played the bongos. The performance was amusing that sort of profanity being uttered

question is: Why did Mathur have such a problem with it?

The purported reason for Mathur castigating Reiss was that he said "f*ck" as he was ending his performance. Reiss commented that the only instruction he was given was that the performance could not be "too lewd." Mathur's justification for scolding Duncan was that Mr. Juniata is a family event and that profanity is not something that any children present should be exposed to. However, in my eyes this reasoning does not seem to hold water. I was by no means the first or the last word of profanity to be uttered on

In fact, Mathur herself said the sions while she was acting as emcee. Clearly she took no issue with

and, in my opinion, well done. My on stage, so I do not understand sidered why Reiss' performance prompted such a harsh reaction. While in general, "b*tch" is considered to be a less severe curse word than "f*ck," I would argue that in this situation, they are no different. If the event must be kept family-friendly in order to keep children from being exposed to profanity, saying "b*tch" is just as bad as any other

> things that happened on stage that were arguably more obscene than uttering any curse word. For instance, the gift presentation of a penis pump to one of the Mr. Juniata contestants came across This particularly lewd. contestant had a male accompanying him, and while there is nothing wrong with that, his gift choice of a penis pump certainly would not be con-

"family-friendly" gift by most. Not only was it quite the contrary. Mr. Juniata is an presented on stage, but the contestant also explained why he had chosen the penis pump as a gift, stating something along the lines of, "You are always trying to 'get swole' at the gym, so I figured I would give you something that would help you swell in a way that you can not work on at the gym.

Not only was the penis pump Additionally, there were other a fairly raunchy gift, but also its description did not help to make it any more appropriate. However, in this instance, the emcee was blatantly not concerned with the inappropriateness of this act as no objections were made. Instead, Mathur laughed and applauded the performance.

To be clear, I am by no means arguing that the content of Mr. Juniata should be more regulated or toned down to make it family-

friendly. In fact, I would argue event put on by college students for college students, and everyone knows that most college students like nothing more than being extremely inappropriate for the amusement of their peers.

What I am trying to achieve with this article is to point out that an event like Mr. Juniata should be run with realistic expectations of the type of content it will produce. Furthermore, an individual who is emceeing for such an event should avoid injecting their own personal bias about what is and is not permissible. It seems clear to me that this is exactly what Mathur did in response to Reiss' performance, as she disregarded several other obscenities that also should not have been acceptable if family friendliness was the true reason for her objections.

Inherent flaw in the tax code allows corporations to park profits abroad

EDITORIAL

Multinational corporations bring a great deal of benefits to the world economy. Considering their highly productive nature, governments are generally pleased to welcome multinational corporations with open arms. Not only do these companies create a plethora of jobs, but also their supremely profitable business activities tend to generate a However, the underlying issue is that these companies' profits are exceptionally difficult to tax under the United States' current system. As corporations expand their interests profits abroad.

Multinational firms based in high tax countries such as the U.S. tend to pay between 32 and 57 percent less taxes than domesticallyowned corporations. One of the subsidiaries in other countries. By taking part in intra-firm transactions between these entities, less

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while, the bulk of the their taxes are paid \$10 million (0.05 percent) in instead paid in the other countries where inputs are often produced. Countries housing subsidiaries are explicitly chosen on the basis that they do not require as many taxes to be paid. These "tax havens" allow corporations to essentially park their profits overseas where they are safe from being taxed by the U.S. government.

Many businesses have simply chosen to leave the country as a significant amount of tax revenue. means of tax avoidance. Through strategic use of tax havens, corporations avoid paying over \$60 billion in taxes per year. When operations are moved to a tax haven, products are sent to that nation so that the abroad, their natural course of action taxes can be paid there instead of in tends to involve also shifting their the States. Upon completing this transition of operations, a company's earnings are thereby classified as profits acquired overseas, essentially freeing the funds of their former tax burden.

Apple Inc. is a prime example of main reasons for this phenomenon an American multinational corpohas to do with companies owning ration that avoids the bulk of their taxes through owning subsidiaries in Ireland, the Netherlands and Luxembourg. According to Apple taxes are ultimately paid in the Inc.'s consolidated financial statecompany's home country. Mean- ments, in 2011 the company only

global taxes on \$22 billion worth of pre-tax earnings. By purchasing their products at fixed prices from manufacturing subsidiaries abroad, the profit margin for the U.S. branch of the company is thereby forced to a remarkably low level.

If Apple Inc.'s offshore profits returned to the U.S., the company would ultimately be taxed an additional 30 percent. Assuming that Apple Inc.'s executives are rational decision-makers, there is no chance that these funds will ever return to America.

Relying on the exceptionally lax tax code of countries such as Ireland, Apple Inc. is essentially able to launder its profits from the U.S. to Irish subsidiaries, effectively sidestepping the corporate tax liability that is usually in place when transferring funds abroad. In many cases, it is merely the company's funds and mailbox that gets relocated to a given tax haven.

As a result of the inherent flaws in the tax code, most major companies in the U.S. ultimately pay only a fraction of the corporate tax rate. An average of 12.6 percent of total earnings is paid by the average large company with over \$10 billion in

assets. In this sense, small corpora- earnings acquired abroad, the ecotions are at a distinct disadvantage, nomic repercussions of his proposal as it is much more difficult for these companies to avoid taxes and thus they are plagued by a tax rate of close to 35 percent. While corporations ultimately pay around \$242 billion in taxes per year, individuals collectively pay closer to \$1.1 trillion annually.

Not only are scores of businesses shifting operations abroad, but also an increasing number of individuals have begun renouncing their citizenship as a means of evading taxes. While one could argue that relinquishing one's citizenship is an extreme measure to take in this situation, individuals' frustration with the tax code is certainly understandable. For one, the fact that individual retirement arrangements (IRAs) are taxed is remarkably unreasonable as it arguably discourages saving. Many individuals, worried that their IRA funds will not be available upon retirement, echo this sentiment and chalk up this flaw in the tax code as another reason to leave the country.

In terms of reforming the tax code, the government is in a tough position. While Obama has argued that the U.S. should be able to tax

could be detrimental due to the importance of multinational corporations to the world economy. The tax benefits associated with extending business operations abroad has become an essential factor in firms' incentives to incorporate abroad.

An alternative solution to suppressing tax avoidance involves modifying the permissive culture that is currently in place. If the government were to take vigorous action against tax avoidance, perhaps companies would reconsider their tactics and be more likely to comply with the code. Furthermore, rather than being taxed on explicitly profits, another possibility is that corporations could instead be taxed on their sales.

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Presidential Perspective

As I write this, there is an in- You get the idea. teresting institutional event that is rapidly approaching. And I happen day(s), the whole thing is worth it! to be involved in it. It is called an Only time will tell. "Inauguration" and to be completely To be clear, the inauguration is honest, I have mixed feelings about not about me. Far from it. It is about this traditional welcoming ritual for the collective whole that is Juniata new college presidents. On the one College. It is about OUR commuhand, the inauguration provides an extraordinary institutional moment to formally acknowledge the change or transition that is taking place within and among the community. It is also a time to celebrate a new chapter or era in the life of the college or university. To put this into perspective, the Juniata community has only done this eleven other times in 137 years. It's rare.

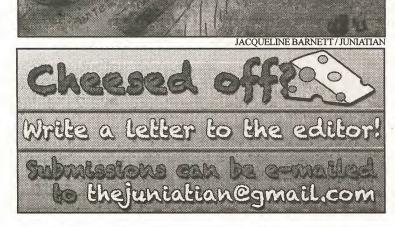
On the other hand, this ceremony demands a lot of time and energy from a lot of people and requires some level of financial investment. Think wedding. You have a relationship (president & College), loads of planning, guest lists, invitations, menus, music, prayers for good weather, expenses, etc. ...

Hopefully, at the end of the

nity, about OUR future. Like you, I am simply an honored guest at this moment in time. Like you, I am taking advantage of all that Juniata has to offer, with a small glimmer of hope that I can give back in some meaningful way while I am here.

I anxiously look forward to celebrating and sharing this rare moment. I am humbled by its meaning and honored that it is here, with all of you.

However, like a father of the bride, I'll be delighted when this whole thing is over!



Forget about regrets; learn to trust your intuition and yourself



Trust is a difficult concept. It literally means "reliance on the integrity, strength, ability, surety, etc., of a person or thing." That word "surety" sure does make me feel somewhat uncertain. But anyway, I will not even begin to talk about trusting others, because it is something that is beyond difficult for me to do, and I am in no place to give advice on that. However, what I can share with you is my knowledge on having a great relationship with yourself and trusting your intuition.

After a somewhat perturbed freshman year, I went back to my hometown of Los Angeles to enjoy a relaxing summer with my family and friends. The summer of 2011 was by far the best three months of my life, simply because I had the best connection with my mother at the time. We

definitely had our rough patches and strains during my rebellious teen years, but that summer she became my best friend in the entire world. All I needed and wanted was to be around her.

Any time my mother went somewhere – the grocery store, or even to the living room to watch television – I would tag along. We shared so much laughter, tears and quality time, which is irreplaceable.

When August rolled around and it was almost time to make my journey back to Pennsylvania, I became rather uneasy. I could not explain the exact way I felt, but there was a longing to stay with my mom; I needed to be by her side.

Therefore, I made up some lie as to why I wouldn't return to Juniata, because it seemed crazy that my reason was because I just felt that I needed to be home with her. However, I listened to my gut instinct and trusted in myself to make the right decision, even if the outcome was uncertain at the moment.

At the end of the month, liter-

ally the day that classes would have begun, I asked my mom to borrow her car for the day, "just in case I want to go out," I told her. I didn't have anywhere to go.

Around lunchtime, she called me from work to come pick her up because she was ill. I obliged. She

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groaned and writhed in the back seat until suddenly she became almost paralyzed and couldn't talk or move the right side of her body. I promptly pulled over and called an ambulance. Thinking back, the situation would've been worse if I never asked to borrow her car that day, but I felt like asking, so I did.

Fast-forward to three weeks after her emergency surgery and time in the Intensive Care Unit, and I bring you to Sept. 15. My mother was such a lively woman and I barely visited her because I could not stand to see her sedated, using a ventilator to breathe and puffed up on medication. I probably went twice a week, Wednesdays to watch "Survivor" with her and Saturdays, though my grandmother and father went twice a day. On that day, I woke up around 8:00 a.m. and called my grandma to ask if she was going to the hospital that morning. Keep in mind, it was not a Wednesday or a Saturday and for some reason, neither of my relatives had gone that morning. She told me, "no," but said she would take me if I wanted to. "Yeah, I feel like I need to go this morning."

That was the morning that my mother passed away.

When I was home trying to get my life back together, I looked at

other schools closer to L.A., but I truly yearned to be back at Juniata, so I returned, and have never regretted that decision since.

I started off studying business and marketing, but I absolutely love to write. Although creative writing can be an unreliable field, I trusted that I had something to say and an audience to share it with, so I decided to change my POE.

Thinking about the future and making life decisions is scary, especially when you cannot predict what will happen or don't know why you feel a certain way at the time. But you know who you are.

Learn to have the ability to rely on yourself because, in the end, you only really have yourself to completely trust in. No one knows you better than you.

Take what you will from my story, but learning to trust myself and follow my intuition is one of my greatest accomplishments. Take advice with hesitation and do what you feel is best for you, and you alone ... within reason, of course!

Decoding different dialects can take time, but 'yins' will learn!



Maybe you're the victim. Maybe you're the offender. But at some point or another, we've all experienced them: those well-intentioned but horribly misguided uses of the English language that make us cringe.

To many who are conditioned to this careless disregard for Merriam and Webster's finest works, the ways in which words are mistreated may pass by completely unnoticed.

To others such as myself, the child of an English major, and a self-proclaimed "grammar Nazi" at times, these offenses can at first seem unpardonable.

As you might imagine, coming to Huntingdon was a bit of an adjustment for me. I grew up in suburban southeastern Pennsylvania, where, for the most part, people follow grammar rules and stick to what's in the dictionary.

Out here in central PA, some might say that's not the case.

As a freshman at Sheetz filling up my gas tank or shopping at Walmart, I would wince upon overhearing conversations among the locals: "Yins been down to Lewistown lately?" "Naw, truck's been actin' up- I think the transmission needs replaced or somethin'."

Gaaahhh!!!

What the heck does "yins" mean?

Lewistown isn't "down," it's east. And your transmission "needs replaced?" Aren't you missing a verb? Shakespeare once posed a question: "To be or not to be?" In central PA, they've long since answered THAT question: not "to be."

These examples are some of the more common ways that people in this area choose to rewrite their dictionaries to suit their tastes.

But central Pennsylvania residents are not the only offenders. While some people view those who use these phrases as unintelligent, there are countless words and phrases familiar to almost all of us that ignore "the right way" to speak in favor of something else. Sometimes these individuals are actually a lot more intelligent than one might think.

Take the "yins" example. If you don't know, "yins" is just one of the many informal expressions of the plural "you." While many of us may poke fun at folks who use the phrase, in reality it's a perfectly natural response to a linguistic problem.

In the English language, the pronoun "you" is exactly the same in the singular and plural form. Usually that's not an issue, but it can be if you need to switch between addressing a singular someone and a plural group of people on the fly.

And so we have "yins." Or, where you're from, people might use, "y'all," "you guys," "you's" or any other number of solutions to the problem.

Some of these make a little more sense than others. For example, "y'all" is basically a lazy way of saying "you all." This is essentially the same thing you're doing any time that you use a contraction.

We use contractions because "it's" is easier than "it is," and you're not interested in saying "you are" every time you want to use that particular bit of language. "Y'all" should think twice next time you give someone a hard

time for using that widely accepted contraction which, while not considered proper grammar, serves its purpose well.

There are other local or regional sayings that make a little less sense grammatically. "Yins," so far as I can tell, is not a contraction of a logical sentence or phrase. The best guess I have is that it means "you ones," but that doesn't really make a heck of a lot of sense either

Still, it's easy to figure out what people mean when they say it.

One piece of local dialect that is a mystery to me, however, is, "it's all." The first time someone said that phrase to me, I was rather confused. "It's all'what?" I asked. "You know, 'it's all!" was the reply.

Well, actually, I didn't know. In fact, I was quite clueless as to what was being communicated.

As it turns out, "it's all" is sup-

posed to mean, "it's all done," or, "it's all gone." For example: "Is there any ice cream left?" "No, it's all."

The problem is that someone who's "not from around here" has absolutely no idea what you're trying to say. My hunch is that that's kind of the point.

While I have little love for these kinds of expressions (ones that keep outsiders in the dark), it's understandable that people want ways to identify with the people "from around here," or the people who they are comfortable with.

Besides, there's something about the laid-back attitude behind old country sayings that I can relate to. As long as people know what I'm trying to say, who cares if it's grammatically perfect?

For the love of God, please don't tell my English major mother I said that.

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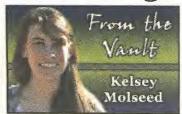
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1979 brings change to JC



This piece from The Juniatian's vault comes from an October 1979 issue. It is fascinating that a proposed 12.3% increase in tuition costs brought the total costs of attending Juniata College to almost \$6,000. Today, some of our recent year-to-year tuition increases are almost equal to the entire cost of tuition in 1979.

Cheaper tuition costs in previous decades should not be a surprise to anyone. All costs increase over time, and over a period of three decades the comparison of prices would be laughable, were it not for the fact that modern tuition prices are not something to laugh at (except, perhaps, maniacally in the cardboard boxes we'll call our homes once we inherit our student loan debts).

What is more of a surprise is that it apparently was not unusual for graduating seniors of this time period to immediately begin earning salaries higher than those of their professors, which certainly is not the case today.

Today's graduating seniors might go directly to medical or graduate school, or be fortunate enough to find entry-level careers with livable salaries. However, many will work at unpaid internships or return, at least for now, to the kind of minimum wage jobs we had in high school. Others will move back home. Most will accrue debt high enough to put the woman who wrote this 1979 article in shock.

Arguably the most interesting point in this article is its concluding sentence, which seems to have been tacked on as an afterthought. stating that the Student Senate would take the matter to the dorms to hear the input of the students.

When and why did that practice stop? Are we not about to inherit incredible debt on salaries much lower than our professors because of the insane price of college tuition? Should we not have a chance to voice our input in that price and its allocations, as students apparently used to?

12.3% Tuition Hike Proposed

By Joan Gosnell
The Juniatian, October 18, 1979

A new tuition proposal will be set before the Board of Trustees during Trustees' Weekend. This proposal will be an increase of 12.3% in costs for the school year of 1980-81 bringing the total costs to \$5,910. The bulk of this increase is in the tuition. This increase must be stressed as a proposed one and must be approved by the trustees before it can be enacted. Arnold J. Tilden, dean of student services, presented these figures and the reasoning to the Senate.

There are several reasons behind this 12.3% increase. One of the main reasons is inflation. Even with this increase, the tuition rate is still not equal to the inflation rate. Because of inflation, heating costs have risen 40%, and food costs have risen 18%. This 12.3% increase has not begun to reach the inflation costs involved in running a college.

Another main reason behind the tuition increase is to increase the faculty and administrators' salaries. The salaries at Juniata are among the lowest of private colleges in the state. It is not unusual for a graduating senior to make more money than his professors. Tilden also argued that since students believe that they have quality professors (as was shown by last year's marketing study), the professors should receive quality salaries. Professors' salaries, at this time, can hardly keep up with inflation.

Another reason for this proposed tuition increase involves the need for better programming at Juniata. Juniata is geographically isolated and needs more social and recreational activities that they want.

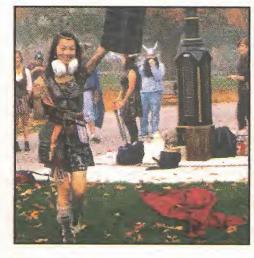
Tilden commented that this proposed budget is not at all excessive especially in comparison to the inflation rate. Juniata's increases have been remarkably low.

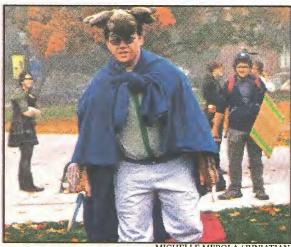
Tilden also stressed that this tuition increase should be passed through to financial aid. That is, financial aid to the individual student should be increased to approximately that of the increase in tuition.

The Senate moved to take the tuition rates to the dorms and hear the student body's comments.

Viking Pillage

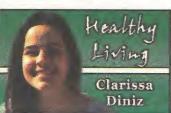






On Oct. 3, students from professor Donald Braxton's Viking Religion course were seen pillaging around campus.

Energy drink etiquette: avoid alcohol



What is worse, to put a frog in a pot full of scalding water or to throw it in when the water is still cold and slowly bring it to boil?

Contrary to the first thought, the second option is actually worse. When the frog is placed inside the scalding pot, it automatically notices the drastic change in temperature and tries to jump out. In the latter scenario, however, as the temperature slowly rises, the frog's body becomes thermally adjusted until the frog is cooked alive.

Our body, just like the frog's, also has the ability to regulate itself not only to drastic changes in temperature but also to changes in water, salt, caffeine, and alcohol.

Did you ever wonder how your body regulates that crazy Saturday night in East Houses? Sadly, it does so by giving you a hangover.

According to the Mayo Clinic, various factors may lead to hangovers. Alcohol irritates the lining of your stomach, which can lead to vomiting. Likewise, constant urination causes dehydration. Alcohol also causes your blood vessels to expand, which can lead to headaches. When you drink, your blood sugar falls, which can explain fatigue, weakness, shakiness or mood disturbances.

Did you ever wonder why your body makes you feel drunk in those parties at East Houses?

Your body is trying to make you feel crappy so that you stop drinking. The earlier you stop, the easier it is for your body to overcome the negative effects of alcohol.

Your body is basically trying to regulate your own drinking habits. It is not only trying to overcome the negative effects of alcohol, but it is also trying to convince you that drinking regularly is not such a good idea.

Most importantly, however, for those who mix energy drinks and alcohol, your body is fighting to regulate that dumb decision. There is a reason why Four Loko was banned from shelves across the country.

Energy drinks are loaded with caffeine. They contain as much as 500 milligrams of caffeine per 20-ounce serving compared to the FDA limit of 71 milligrams per 12-ounce serving. Since the FDA does not review dietary supplements, companies that make energy drinks decided to market them as such, thereby allowing energy drinks to reach Eagles Landing without the FDA's approval.

Remember how your body makes you feel drunk so that you can stop drinking? Since caffeine has a stimulant effect, energy drinks do the complete opposite. They override the depressive effect of alcohol and your body's "stop drinking" remote control.

As explained by the Mayo Clinic, energy drinks can reduce the feeling of intoxication. Instead of moving into the water phase of the night, you keep on drinking because you cannot feel it any more. Instead of listening to your friends that point out that you have had more tequila shots than you could count, you are ready to get the car keys for a Sheetz run.

Be careful! Although you feel alert because of the stimulating effects of the energy drink, this does not mean that the caffeine

has miraculously removed the alcohol content from your blood. Your blood alcohol concentration has not changed, and you could get charged with driving under the influence if a police officer stops you. Be smart!

Mixing alcohol and energy drinks is a terrible idea. But what about drinking energy drinks to help write a ten page paper that is due tomorrow? Great idea? Maybe.

Although the caffeine content of energy drinks is very high, in a report released in 2011 by the American Beverage Association, "most mainstream energy drinks contain about half the caffeine of a similar size cup of coffeehouse coffee." As explained in a report by the Mayo clinic, energy drinks are not bad if consumed in moderation, and most people should limit themselves to 16-ounces per day.

Those who suffer from chronic medical complications, however, should consult their doctor before consuming energy drinks.

However, if your last minute all-nighters become your regular routine, energy drinks might not be the best option for you. The reason for naming these drinks "energy drinks" is more for a consumer's illusion. There is no energy booster in them. Regardless of how alert you feel, 48 hours without sleep, with or without these drinks, is still 48 hours of your body being deprived of its necessary rest.

Don't become that frog. If you have to consume that energy drink in order to complete those crazy papers, it is okay, you can jump out of it. But if it becomes a routine, your body will become used to it. You don't want to end up like the frog and get cooked from the inside.

Inaugural concert to benefit Alex's Lemonade Stand

By ERIN GAINES

Homecoming and family weekend are getting a boost this year with the events surrounding President James Troha's inauguration. Among the all-around hype and events scheduled during inaugural week is the Class of 2016's fundraiser: the inaugural concert.

"The inaugural concert, in a nutshell, is a student run event in honor of President Troha's inauguration," said Kunal Atit, president of the class of 2016. "But it didn't start out that way. It's actually a community fundraiser that became the inaugural concert."

The original idea for a fundraiser came from a brainstorming session at the end of spring semester. The class cabinet felt that it was time they did more for the community rather than just the students. "Our vice president, Jecenia [Duran], suggested the idea to have Alex's Lemonade Stand at Juniata," said Shalen Perehinec, secretary of the class of 2016. "It was originally just a fundraiser in Ellis where we would collect money and maybe collect money at a few sporting events, too."

The Alex's Lemonade Stand

Foundation emerged in 2000 from the front yard lemonade stand of a four-year-old cancer patient. Alexandra "Alex" Scott (1996-2004) was diagnosed with neuroblastoma, a type of childhood cancer, shortly before her first birthday. Alex decided she wanted to raise money to help find a cure for kids with cancer after her stem cell transplant in early 2000. Within the first four years, Alex's Lemonade Stand raised over one million dollars for cancer research.

Alex's Lemonade Stand was not the only possible fundraiser in the running. Also in the mix of ideas was a student-run concert to provide talented students a venue to showcase their abilities. "Kunal came up with the idea to have a concert, so [the class of 2016 cabinet] decided to join the two ideas, the fundraiser and the concert, to come up with Alex's Lemonade Stand benefit concert," said Perehinec.

Atit had bigger ideas for the fundraiser. As plans for the benefit concert unfolded and expanded, the simple fundraiser snowballed into a full-blown inaugural event. Atit's desire for a larger event led to the start of a new plan: President

Troha's inaugural concert. "What makes Juniata great is student involvement, we're all about the student, all about the individual, and looking at the inaugural events, there isn't a large amount of student involvement, and it's not a

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lack of trying on their part. They tried but there was no collective student effort to make that happen," said Atit.

The effort behind the concert grew as the event gained more publicity. Instead of being organized solely by students, the members of the cabinet enlisted the help of OSA, JAB and HOSA, as well as meeting with the inaugural committee. "After a while this became a huge effort because this is an inaugural event, so there's a certain amount of prestige and a certain level of quality control that has to take place," said Atit.

The original goal to have more student involvement in the inauguration was still the spearhead of planning the event. The concert will be a mix of acts that are auditioning from the student body. The search for 20 unique acts began with school-wide e-mails petitioning for singers, poets, dancers and everything in-between.

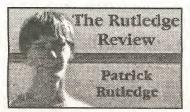
The first e-mail received few responses, but the desire to participate expanded with the second e-mail. "We got an outpouring of responses to the point where we're going to feel really bad because we won't be able to accommodate everyone. It won't be a lack of talent, it's because there are just so many," said Atit.

The auditions for the concert were held on Oct. 2 in the Sill Boardroom in von Liebig Center for Science. Over 35 performers are participating in the 20 acts that make up the concert. Some are performing as a group, while others will perform individually, and some performers are even in more than one act. There will be singing and dancing, as expected, and also a performance in sign language. The night includes a performance fro m the Juniata Concert Choir. In addition to the student performances, there will be a speech from President Troha himself..

Despite the emphasis on inauguration, the concert is not the only part of the event. The fundraiser itself extends through all the festivities of inaugural week. "In addition to the concert, we're also having donation tables set up in Ellis the week before Homecoming and we're also collecting donations at the football game, the field hockey game and both volleyball games on Oct. 26, the day of homecoming," said Perehinec.

The inaugural concert is a free event. It will be held on Oct. 23 in Ellis Ballroom. Those who attend can vote for their favorite performance by placing donations in jars marked with the act. To learn more about the Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation, visit www.alexslemonade.org.

Prisoners' provides psyche-wrenching entertainment



When going to see "Prisoners," a friend of mine was skeptical of the film and suggested that it seemed a bit too much like a retread of "Taken." It is ironic, then, that whatever the film might seem from its trailers, "Prisoners" is actually more of an anti-"Taken" than anything: a deconstruction of any action film or thriller designed around "Daddy knows best" principals. Here is a film that reminds us all that, in reality, our gut instinct isn't always right, sometimes in our worst moments we let our emotions take over, and that being a vigilante in real life isn't quite as heroic or exciting as it is in films.

"Prisoners" is a hard film to watch in the best possible way. What starts off seeming like another mystery flick involving kidnapped children quickly reveals itself to be a deeply affecting character study where we're asked to join the lead characters as they plunge into the deepest lows of grief and desperation.

The characters in question are four parents faced with the awful situation of discovering one day that their children have disappeared. Hugh Jackman's character, Keller, strongly suspects a developmentally challenged man named Alex, played by Paul Dano, of kidnapping them, but Jake Gyllenhaal's detective, Loki, doesn't have enough credible evidence to support that theory and Alex is

released from custody. Since this is given away in the trailers, it doesn't feel like I'm spoiling anything when I say that Keller decides to take matters into his own hands by kidnapping Alex and torturing him with the (much more reluctant) help of the other parents in an effort to save his daughter.

In the brutal reality of what awful things could be happening to the missing children and the constant looming threat of "Even if we find them at this point,

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'Prisoners' is a hard film to watch in the best possible way.

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what're the chances that they're still alive?" every character succumbs to the sheer horribleness of the situation in one way or another, but none sink lower than Keller.

The torture scenes involving Alex never stop being incredibly hard to watch, not least of all because the audience isn't meant to know for most of the movie whether or not he's actually the kidnapper – and after a while, you begin to wonder which would be a more horrifying truth.

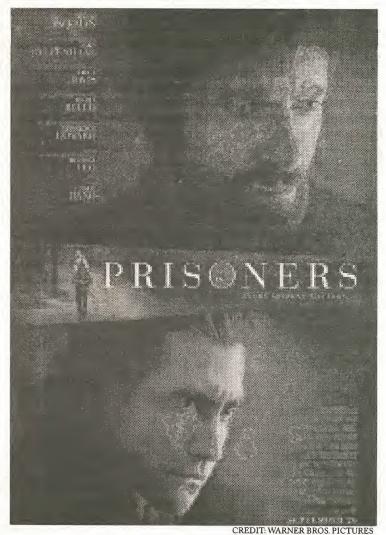
This torture serves as one of the main elements of a multi-faceted plot, as after the release of Alex, Detective Loki begins tirelessly investigating other leads and attempting to solve the mystery of the missing children. While "Prisoners" is a great character drama, the mystery elements tend to fall a bit flat. The reveals tend to be either excessively convoluted or surprisingly predictable and the strangeness of the plot occasionally wanders just a bit into the territory of the absurd.

That ends up not mattering a whole lot, though, because even if you know exactly how a few things are going to be revealed, that doesn't stop the entire movie from being engaging and astonishingly tense, not to mention an exercise in moral ambiguity, with detective Loki being the only character I could fully root for.

While you might not agree with the parents' actions in the film, you might also find yourself asking: 'How would I do things differently if I were in one of their positions? Would I really be that much stronger?'

As mentioned, nobody here ends up more corrupt than Keller, and Hugh Jackman's performance is an exercise in scenery-chewing depth and intensity, the likes of which are nearly guaranteed to have him walking away with an Oscar nod, at the very least.

His character could be read as part desperate parent and part "Man of the house who can't cope with not being in control of the situation", a la 'Death of a Salesman.' He convinces himself that Alex is the one responsible for his children disappearing, but is he



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telling himself that because he truly believes it, or because he has to feel as though he's doing SOMETHING to save his daughters, however futile it might be? Is it better to convince yourself in hard times that you're doing something to improve the situation, when in reality you're just making things significantly worse?

Prisoners is a heavy movie,

and one that'll stick with you if you choose to witness its twisted events. It isn't without its flaws, and it is certainly not for those looking for light-hearted, or even semi-optimistic, entertainment. But Prisoners is still a viscerally compelling picture, and if you think you can stomach its disturbing sequences and undertones, it is a captivating and interesting movie.

The best of both worlds found at Hoss's Steak and Sea House



Hoss's Steak and Sea House is a unique mix between the order placement of a fast food restaurant and a full-service restaurant. The restaurant achieves the quality and selection of a full-service restaurant since they have servers, yet the ordering process is similar to that of a fast-food restaurant. After entering Hoss's, you will be asked to place your order. At first, I was taken aback by this concept. But, their system manages to work out well and adds to the unique flair of the restaurant.

The restaurant is known for their all-you-can-eat soup, salad and dessert bar that features fresh vegetables, warm breads, fruits, desserts and soft-serve ice cream. The buffet specials vary each day throughout the week. Some of the homemade soups include clam chowder, stuffed pepper, Italian wedding, sausage potato and chicken chili. The variety of salads include spinach, taco, buffalo chicken, BLT, crab leg, steak and tuna. Hoss's restaurant also features an American Value Menu and lighter options for those who are more health conscious.

The restaurant offers fun specials such as a handcrafted burger or crispy chicken sandwich for only \$0.99 with the purchase of the adult salad bar, an addition of barbeque or grilled shrimp skewers to your meal for \$2.99 and a special meal deal for birthdays. The prices of Hoss's meals are relatively inexpensive for the quality, options and portion of food you receive. I have had the salad bar two of the three times I've been to Hoss's and I have not been disappointed. The third time I ordered the chicken sandwich, which was not bad either, but I would definitely recommend the buffet.

Hours of the restaurant are 11:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Sunday through Thursday, 11:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. on Friday and Saturday. Monday through Saturday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., the soup and salad bar is \$6.99. During these days in the evenings from 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., the salad bar is \$8.49 as well as all day on Sunday. The buffet features more than 100 unique and delicious items, which are all made fresh. Have no doubts that the food will be of high quality when you go to Hoss's.

If you are not traveling to Hoss's for their infamously appetizing soup and salad bar, there are plenty of other options to choose from. Appetizers include mozzarella sticks, onion bites and chicken bites. The restaurant also offers steak, seafood and chicken. The seafood portion of the menu includes Maryland style crab cakes (with a dash of Old Bay seasoning), shrimp, scallop medallions,

whitefish, cold water South Atlantic salmon (topped with Hoss's renowned blue crab stuffing if you so desire) and cold water North Atlantic lobster. As for the chicken, the restaurant offers filets, tenders and stuffed chicken breasts. There are a variety of sides to accompany your meals too, including a sweet potato loaded with caramel, margarine and marshmallow fluff, which, may or may not be a selling point, depending on your dietary preferences. This option sounds like a definite must-try, for me at least.

The traditional burger, fish and steak sandwiches are also available. The restaurant's house sandwich consists of bacon, pepper jack cheese, barbeque and a fried onion ring to top all that goodness off. Children five and under eat free at the soup and salad bar and children 12 and under can choose from the children's menu. They have the choice of ordering steak tips, burger, chicken tenders or various other sandwiches. The soup, salad and dessert bar is only \$3.99 for them. What a steal!

Only closed on major holidays, Hoss's aims to please its customers as is apparent from their motto, "Hoss's is Hoss'pitality." The atmosphere of the restaurant is extremely homey yet professional and the staff is friendly and family-oriented. The décor of the restaurant includes memorabilia hung on the walls unique to each of the 36 restaurant's special locations.

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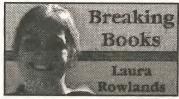
Top: The expansive dessert bar at Hoss's can satisfy any sweet tooth.

Bottom: Hoss's, a restaurant known for their all-you-can-eat soup, salad and dessert bar, is located on Route 22 in Huntingdon near Meadow's.

From my personal experience, I have never had to wait in line to be seated or for very long to get my food at Hoss's. (I wouldn't have been there so many times already if the wait was bad!) The restaurant is

clean, organized and efficient. You don't have to worry about going to the restaurant at a busy hour, as you should not have a problem being seated and accommodated fairly quickly. By all means, go to Hoss's!

Final 'Hunger Games' book makes a 'Mock'ery of the trilogy



I am sure almost all of you lovely readers have heard of the "Hunger Games," or at least the glitzy film version, which pretty much set Jennifer Lawrence up for life. What many may not have managed to do is to make it all the way through to the last book in the series 'Mockingjay.' I did, unfortunately. But here is your official spoiler notice — I have tried my best to avoid giving anything away but just in case, don't read this if you care enough

about the story and yet have not managed to read it thus far...

Having seen the film for the first book and read the second book, I have to say the general premise behind at least those two is great, especially for young teens. After all, pitting children the same ages as the target readers against one another in an arena to fight it out literally to the death -- while slightly morbid and violent (oh, how our mothers would cry!) -- is also a very entertaining read. Or should be. And she did an alright job. The second book did have pretty much the same plot as the first, but it was still fun to read; especially when Katniss seemed to be losing, man

did she deserve it...

So yes, the first two books were decent, but then we get to the last book, 'Mockingjay.' I'll try not to give anything away for those fans out there, but if you were to take my advice... just don't even bother reading it. Leave the semi-good books on a high note and dodge all mention of this one. Please. For your own good. The main issue with this book is the ending. The rest of the book is average at best, but the ending truly is horrible, and that's putting it mildly.

I personally hated the three main characters. Katniss just should not exist ever (I mean really, we all get that she's a great catch but PLEASE make a decision. Your constant mental debate is so unbelievably annoying I almost ripped the book in two.), Peeta's stupid name reflects the stupidity that is him, and Gale: just shut up.

Despite that, even I felt the injustice of Collins' ending and I had to ask myself if she was just bored by the end of writing this, or did she, like me, know it was hopeless to try and redeem the book even further and therefore decided to end on an it's-so-bad-it's-controversial-thus-good note?

Apart from the awful ending (You are probably all itching to read that now, aren't you? Well don't, I promise you will regret it), the rest of the book just seemed to be a bad remake of one of my favourite novels, '1984,' in that it focused on predicting an almost-totalitarian future America with one individual working out all the flaws and trying to fight it. Even the ending had a similar tone, which got me thinking: what would George Orwell think of this? Probably not an awful lot is my guess. Maybe he would laugh?

So in this way, the third instalment of the 'Hunger Games' trilogy acts almost as a separate book to its predecessors where Collins seems to be more concerned with developing her political mantra than providing her teen readers with a decent story. And this is the thing: it is meant for teens. Despite the praise the series has received from adults, it was intended for a younger audience, and I think that is partly lost in the third book.

A lot of it is mainly sleep-inducing Katniss trying and failing to understand the politics happening around her, and the other is ridiculous scenes of violence where the 'emotional rollercoaster' Collins is aiming for fails miserably. This is a book which already knows it will be made into a film, and my goodness does Collins want this to be a box office superstar!

My final judgement? DON'T READ THIS BOOK, and if you do, don't read the end. Also, don't blame me for the feeling of dissatisfaction and general animosity toward the author that you will be left with.



Strong start earns men's soccer No. 8 regional ranking

By Bobby Moodispaugh

The Juniata College men's soccer team is off to its best start in the program's history with a 9-2-1 record and a No. 8 ranking in the Mid-Atlantic region poll by the National Soccer Coaches Association of America.

"[The coaching staff] came into the preseason with a game plan of how we wanted to play and the guys were really receptive to it. We have been able to stick to it and the players have been able to execute it," said head coach Dan Dubois.

In years past, the team has gotten off to hot starts, but then faded away as the season went on. "There's a definite confidence within the team this year. Everyone hits bumps in the road as the year goes on. This year, we've been able to fight through those. We have got a really solid group of leaders on the team," said Dubois.

One of those leaders is senior forward Andy Blunk. "We are scoring really well and we are shutting out teams. Our defense has kept strong so all we need is one goal to win," said Blunk.

Other upperclassmen are also stepping up to lead the team on the field. "I have tried to replicate Anthony [Glossner] in work ethic since the day I came here. The captains both put so much into the team and are some of the best players I have ever played with," said sophomore defenseman Dylan Thompson.

Blunk has cemented himself as one of the team's top forwards after changing positions multiple times. "Andy has made the biggest



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Junior Robby Higgins dribbles the ball away from fellow juniors Ben Kitko and Tommy Hanna in practice. The team's 9-2-1 record is the best start in the program's history. The Eagles look to remain undefeated in conference play on Saturday against Goucher.

on-field improvement since he got here. His toughness is unmatched and his confidence on the ball has come so far," said Dubois.

Blunk sees the team's younger players being a big key to their success: "Our freshmen are already coming in and playing as if they have been here as long as everyone else. We are getting help from everybody."

Forwards Aaron Kulig and Dani Meyer-Arrivilla are two of those outstanding freshmen, leading the team in goals. Also contributing are two freshman goalkeepers, Jonathan Phillips and Blaine Barsch, who have split time in net following the graduation of star goalie, Ezra Cassel.

"This year, we have been able to put these guys in. Their confidence level is so high. It's fun for the upperclassmen to see that these guys have some energy and a little bit of swagger with them. That boost of energy means that the upperclassmen don't have to carry them through the season," said Dubois.

On the defensive side of the field, Thompson has really stepped up. "This is the best core team we have had in the history of the program. Everyone is committed to the idea that we can do so much more than anybody else has before," said Thompson.

The team is really close off the

field as well as on the field. "There is no one on the team that doesn't feel a part of the whole cohesive unit. It is really like a brotherhood," said Thompson.

The team has stuck together through tough games in order to get the win. "We beat Medaille 2-1 who is possibly the best team we have ever beaten," said Blunk. "We were getting some rough play from them and we were able to hold our heads together to pull out the win."

Thompson was also proud of the way the team handled themselves against Medaille. "That is a team that went to the tournament last year. It was in Buffalo, no one wanted to be in Buffalo, and we

still came out and won against a really good team," said Thompson.

The team has been working hard on their strategy on the field to prepare for conference play. "Our conference play is going to be much more difficult than what we have had. We are going to need to stick to our game plan. We are going to be playing teams just as good as us if not better, so we are really going to need to be able to outsmart them," said Blunk.

Dubois said, "The guys need to handle the expectations and the higher level of play without getting discouraged and understanding that the games are going to be more challenging now. Our conference is one of the better conferences in the country top to bottom."

Everyone has also been working hard to get the team working on all cylinders. "We tend to play down to the level of the team that we are going against. We need to treat every game like it is a conference game, or it will give us losses that we do not deserve," said Thompson.

"It all comes down to taking it one game at a time. It is a matter of sticking to our game plan and we'll be fine," said Dubois.

With the team off to a good start, the players have some big expectations for the end of the season. Blunk said, "I want to help the team make it to our Landmark Conference playoffs and hopefully our first NCAA bid."

The Eagles' next game is at home on Saturday, Oct. 12, against Goucher College.

Confidence level keys early season success for women's soccer

By STEPH PAGLIARO

The women's soccer team is off to a strong start with a record of 8-3. The team's improved attitude and newfound confidence is a huge part of their success thus far.

The Eagles started the season with a 7-game winning streak. During this streak, they scored 28 goals and only allowed four.

On Sept. 25 the Eagle's winning streak was broken when they faced their first nationally ranked team, No. 14 Carnegie Mellon. Despite the outcome, the team viewed the game more as a learning opportunity than a loss.

"I think it was a great learning experience. It was a great warm-up for us before starting conference play," said junior defender Katie Szczur.

After this loss, the Eagles began preparing for their first conference game against Scranton. "As we enter conference play, we definitely have to keep up our good spirits," said freshman goalkeeper Erin Mueller. "We need to keep upbeat, believe in our teammates and trust each other."

At home on Sept. 28, the women's soccer team lost their first conference game to Scranton with a score of 0-1.

Despite their three losses, the Eagles have only allowed eight goals in eleven games. Team members agree that their defense is a huge strength for them

"Our defense is very solid. That's going to be a big key to winning,'



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The women's soccer team works on drills at practice. The Eagles will continue conference play as they host Goucher on Saturday.

said Mueller.

"Our defense is doing absolutely phenomenal this year," said senior forward Paula Pryor. "They are working together really well. We work the ball through the back a lot, which is very different from last year. It's great that we're moving the ball more."

Throughout the first half of the season, the Eagles offense has also proven to be successful. Lead by Pryor, who leads both the team and conference in goals scored, and sophomore midfielder Michaela Lacek, the Eagles have produced 203 shots in eleven games. Of these shots, 110 were on goal.

In addition to their offense and defense, another strength the team possesses is their focus and attitude.

"It's a group that has a certain

degree of mental toughness. They seem to be very goal-oriented,' said head coach Scott McKenzie. "They have come together really well. There has not yet been the introduction of distraction. They seem to be well-focused."

One skill the team would like to improve upon is their touch on the ball. "We definitely need to improve on our first touch with the ball. Also, being able to adapt to other teams when all they do is kick and run. We have more of an actual style of play," said Lacek.

"We can just keep improving our game in general," said Szczur. "Just make sure we keep our style of play and keep growing in our team dynamic."

Adding to the team dynamic are member of the freshman class, who have been making an impact both on and off the field.

"We have five freshmen who are all very strong. They work really hard all the time and they've oriented themselves into the team dynamic really well. They're all getting playing time definitely contributing," said Szczur.

The freshmen have also brought a new energy to the team. It was their idea to split the team into "houses" from the Harry Potter novels as a way to break up into competitive groups.

"It's a way of allowing our student athletes to compete with each other at practice. The younger players bring that kind of youthful energy and they bring new ideas to the team," said McKenzie.

The competitive atmosphere at practice has given players an opportunity to grow and thrive in their leadership positions.

"We have a mix of two seniors and two juniors who are the anointed leaders. However, any good team is filled with leaders," said McKenzie. "I would say we have a pretty good mix of formal and informal leaders."

Last season, the Eagles started out 6-0-1 before dropping seven of their last ten games. Along with the mix of leaders, the team feels they are better prepared physically and emotionally this year.

"We didn't do as much conditioning last year, so that's definitely helping us this year," said Lacek.

"I think this year is different mainly on the confidence level that have as a team and in each oth er," said Szczur. "We need to make sure that come conference play, we're able to keep that confidence up and hold our own against conference opponents."

"The whole mentality is different. We have nothing to lose this season, and we have a lot to prove," said Pryor.

As the team looks towards the second half of their season, they plan to continue to prepare for each game as well as possible and continue working hard.

"Preparation, preparation, preparation. We need to research each opponent to prepare for each game in the most effective way," said McKenzie.

The Eagles look to improve their conference record on Saturday, Oct. 12 against Goucher at home.

Senior leadership pushes cross country to fast start

By AAREN SELLERS

The Juniata College cross country team is having a remarkable season thus far. Both the men's and women's teams are on a roll, having numerous runners place in top 10 consistently.

There are many aspects that contribute to the team's success. Along with seniors and returning runners, freshmen have played a key role overall this season.

"On top of having a lot of veteran athletes who are running well, our freshman are really stepping it up this year. They've been running incredibly well for coming in and starting with a college program and running a lot differently than one runs in high school," said assistant coach Blair Taylor.

"The freshmen this year are great. We've had three or four of them finishing in our top 10 consistently. This year's freshmen class has had a huge contribution to our team's performances, and they certainly have a bright future here at Juniata," said senior Nate Alter.

"We've been coming back from

injuries a lot stronger this year. I think that our freshmen this year have been holding up a little bit better than our freshmen usually do so that's been really positive," said junior Stephen Park. "We've been racing a lot better as a team and packing up together, so running more closely together instead of spreading out during races."

The men's team currently has 22 members on the roster, a larger number than in past recent seasons.

"Having 22 members on the team has changed things a lot from previous years. It has certainly helped depth-wise. We have many more people to fill a spot incase someone is out with an injury. It also means there are more people to help out during work outs," said Alter. "If one person is having an off day it's a lot easier to get through the run with a big group right there."

Even though the men's team may be larger, the women's team only has less than ten members. The lady Eagles do not let size become a barrier.

"On the women's side, we're thin. We only have six or seven girls on the team. So we're a little weak in numbers but the numbers that we do have are running really well,"Taylor said.

Junior Courtney Peterson agrees with Coach Taylor. "We're really small so we're just kind of growing and working on improving every single meet," Peterson said. "Things are just really going great. With small numbers, we don't have a lot of wiggle room, so we need to get on the right track for each of us to have our best possible race come Landmarks."

"Having such a small team, we have some pretty strong leaders. We are really good at motivating each other and talking to one another. Really just encouraging each other to always keep pushing," said Peterson.

Alter and fellow senior Katrina Woods were both featured as Landmark Conference Runners of the Week at the end of September. Both have recently broken records as well. Alter ran a personal best of 25:55.0 to break the men's 8K program record at the Lock Haven Invite. This same day, Woods broke the women's 6K record with a fin-

ish time of 21:44.20.

Adding experience and the new freshmen, there are some things that each team would like to work on to improve.

"We need to work on finishing our races stronger and working harder in the middle of them," Peterson said, referring to the women's team. "We are really good at getting off to a good start but we need to work on maintaining our race in the middle of it."

For the men's team, reaching a sound mental state is a concern shared by several runners.

"I think we need to work on getting over some mental barriers, people sometimes psych themselves out and we need to get overthat," said Park.

"Focusing on race day and doing the little things away from practice are big for us. Focusing on race day can be tough, especially since we're at the point of the season where we're going into races not quite 100% rested," said Alter. "Also, doing the little things like eating correctly, stretching, icing, lifting, and getting enough sleep can be greatly beneficial to

our performances."

Though they acknowledge there is room for improvement, both teams are ready to put their best foot forth and end the season on a strong note.

"An obvious goal would be to win the conference championship. It would also be nice to place for regionals. For individuals, if we could get someone to place for nationals that would just be fantastic," said Coach Taylor.

"We'd like to place first at conferences, and then top 10 in the region. Both will take big efforts, but I think that our team has what it takes to get the job done. My individual goals are to score as few points in the conference meet as possible and then do the same at regionals. My game plan is to just really work hard and see what happens," Alter said.

"We all just want to continue to improve. Dropping 10 or 15 seconds each meet to improve overall will help each of us in the long run," Peterson said.

The Juniata cross country teams are back in action Oct. 19, competing in the Gettysburg Invitational.

Preacher places emphasis on spiritual health for student-athletes

By CHRIS BEALL

Athletes are always training to keep their bodies in the best shape they possibly can. They lift weights, they run sprints, and they eat right to make sure they are ready to compete at the highest level. These athletes now have the ability to make sure their mind and spirit are in the best shape as well.

Rick Cartwright, or the man better known around campus as "Preacher," is the new Athletic Minister to student-athletes at Juniata. He is becoming a public figure around campus as he is often seen at practices, sporting events, and noon workouts. As Athletic Minister he is available to all student-athletes who are looking to create a deeper relationship with their spiritual beliefs.

Cartwright has been in ministry for 33 years. He was originally born and raised in the Bellefonte area. He later went on to Union College in Kentucky and graduated from master's program at Duke University. Cartwright found himself back in Central Pennsylvania when he took the job as Pastor on Twelfth Street in Huntingdon at Eli Methodist Church. Then Cartwright started to get involved with the college that he now lives near.

"I started coming up here and doing the noon workouts with Coach Smith. I got to know people through that experience. I started coming up here at twenty to twelve for the workouts and leave around quarter after one. Then I realized that I had to start coming earlier and leaving later because of discussing issues with student-athletes. I just woke up one day and thought that would be a totally new area and there is definitely a need for it," Cartwright said.

He realized that the campus could be in need of a minister that was available to all student athletes. He would be available to them and they would be able to talk to him about what is on their minds and be able to have services before competitions. Cartwright wanted to make this happen, so he went to one of the most recognized people

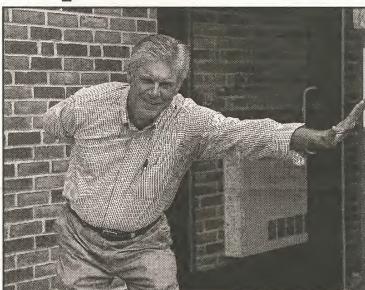
in athletics on campus.

"I went to Coach Smith and started talking with him. He then helped set up a meeting with the Athletic Director, Greg Curley. From there, I also had meetings with Dave Witkovsky, who is the campus chaplain. We came up with a very vague job description that went into effect January 4," Cartwright said.

"He came to us and he's been a minister for over 30 years. He wanted to get involved with us and it's really a volunteer position. He came to us with the idea and his passion for athletics and combined it with his knowledge of ministry. We then thought that it might be a nice idea and that there might be a need. It would be a very good resource for us and another way for us to support the student athletes," said Athletic Director Greg Curley.

Cartwright has been seen all over campus and offers quite a few things to help student athletes have the right mind. His door is always open for students to come talk to him, he offers group talks throughout the week, and has started doing pregame services.

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"I started going to his services last year when he did a bible study.



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Rick Cartwright smiles after a noon workout with Coach Smith. Since starting as Athletic Minister in January, Preacher has enjoyed getting to know Juniata student-athletes.

We now work out of a different book that Pastor Cartwright got us. He had services on Sunday during training camp that I attended. It made it easier to work around our camp schedule and be able to get to a service. His services are non-denominational. I think the benefits of that are that you can get more guys in and it appeals to a broader base of people," said junior football player Ethan Wilt.

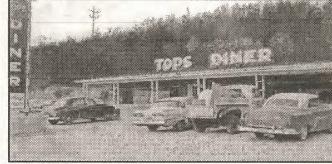
Besides just the pregame services, Cartwright offers a lot more to athletes. He gives them someone to talk to and get out whatever they need to. He also talks to people that are having a rough time with sports and helps them stay positive.

"I think his position is significant because he allows athletes to partake in religious events that were not previously available. I have known Preacher since I was a freshman, and I did not have a major role on the football team, but that didn't matter to him. He has known my name, my story, and where I am from ever since then. He definitely makes sure to get to know everyone and always has been very positive about our sports and attends as many games as he can. He makes an effort to talk to everyone," said senior football player Brendon Cohn.

Cartwright is trying to start various services during the week that could be helpful to student athletes. He offers them at different times and to whoever wants to attend them.

"We have bible study that we call 'Life Lessons.' They are Mondays at the Hall of Fame room in Kennedy at seven o'clock. They are also on Thursdays at nine at the Unity House. We also have a program called 'Can We Talk' on Sundays in the Hall of Fame room. The turnout isn't very good since it is early in stages of this position. For that we want to get more people coming. I want to have it where, someday, the group that I am talking to is bigger and more people on campus feel that they are comfortable with coming to these discussions," said Cartwright.





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The "Queen" Reacts to Absurdity

Dear former Royal Subjects,

This is Your Majesty, Elizabeth the Second, by the Grace of God, of Great Britain, Ireland and the British Dominions beyond the Seas Queen, Defender of the Faith. I have been sumto Juniata College by my dear son and heir, Charles to get a better sense of the attitudes and lifestyles of our young neighbours, and former colonists, in higher education. Well, why Juniata College for Heaven's sake?

> When I first heard of Juniata, I thought someone was speaking of an exotic Spanish woman. I was incredibly delighted at the prospect of meeting her, but in the end, it turns out that I misunderstood the title and recognized that Juniata was actually the school.

In any case, I will be sharing my ideas with you about what the happenings on campus. This issue, I will be discussing and sharing my thoughts about this thing called "Storming of the Arch," a little bit tardy, though.

Having been acquainted with the campus and scholars of Juniata College now for over one month, I was informed that the quaint tradition of 'Storming of the Arch' would be taking place. Of course, it is needless to say that my expectations consisted of a light sporting event, perhaps the American equivalent of croquet.

The delightfulness of that picture was one of great satisfaction as I was able to imagine some dashing young folk attempt to manoeuvre what my imagination depicted as a course of large 'arches'. In other words, I fully intended to see a larger-than-life croquet course upon the 'quad'.

Upon my arrival at the sporting ground, you can only imagine my surprise and shock as my ears were positively deafened by the squeals of young, pertinent girls and the brash chanting of both male and female rugby teams. I have to say,

you would never hear such preposterous goings-on back in the United Kingdom, let alone anywhere in the British Empire.

It appears to me that those studying here may find it beneficial to take a leaf out of the British educational system from when I was a child, where manners and politeness were of the highest importance.

And the chants themselves! One simply could never repeat them - some of the most disgusting, revolting language. It was done quite unashamedly too! Satan himself would block his ears in shame.

May I remind you that this was my impression prior to the first 'storming'; my gracious! What could incite these poor souls to enter into such madness! The gaiety the proceedings were witness to beforehand were, now that I fully understand the brutality of this unseeming tradition, nonsensical! My

dear students, I truly fear for your mental wellbeing!

Perhaps by far the most disturbing scene was seeing the President himself, not only condoning these violent games, but participating! He even gave a rousing speech to the masses. My heart almost stopped at the sight.

Having resigned watching the barbaric tradition performed at this college, I have to commend the students I saw for their sprightly vitality and their willingness and courage to persist in this effort multiple times without success. It reminds me of the good old days of my own country when we fought glorious wars against the French and never buckled under the so-called fearsome being of cowardliness. I see that the mettle of those generations have remained in the hearts of the youth of Juniata.

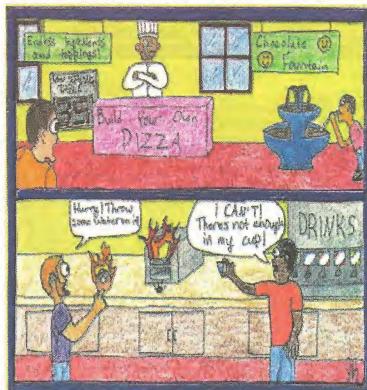
My dear reader, I commend you for it.

Truly spiffing.

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- 2. Most unclogged toilets in one minute
- 3. Playing Scrabble/Chess
- 4. Singing "Blurred lines" in a teddy bear costume with a man in a prison-like outfit
- 5. Giving a moving speech about what it takes to be a college student
- 6. Most open-container violations in a minute
- 7. A "what does it take to make Nags cry" competition
- 8. Anything involving Nags
- 9. Doing your own version of Ice Cube songs dressed as an ice cube
- 10. Anything involving "In the Arms of an Angel" by Sarah McLachlan

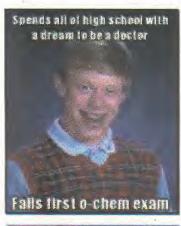
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- Thumbs down to the new, overly loud "Brewed Awakenings." Trust us when we say we're "brewedly
- Thumbs up to the dead squirrel being nailed to the tree for four days. Well, that's one way of protesting the government shutdown.
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Employees' statuses redefined: Sodexo to scrap benefits

By Abigail Rosenberger

In response to the Affordable Care Act, or ACA, Sodexo is changing its definition of a full-time employee as of Jan. 1, 2014. This change will cause some Sodexo employees across the country to lose their health insurance, vacation time and sick pay.

Passed in 2010, the ACA specifies the amount of health insurance companies are required to offer to their full-time employees. The act also specifies the definition of a full-time employee and how many employees a company can have before it is required to comply with the law.

"The ACA's Employer Mandate requires employers to make affordable coverage available to eligible employees. To match the ACA's definition of a full-time employee, Sodexo is changing how we define full-time hourly, non-exempt em-



KATE SMITH / JUNIATIAN prporate policy in response

Sodexo employee Deanna Powell serves students meals in Eagle's Landing. Due to a new corporate policy in response to the Affordable Care Act, many employees will lose benefits such as health insurance and sick pay.

ployees who are eligible for health and welfare benefits as someone who works an average of 30 hours or more per week over a 52-week period," said Gregory Yost, Sodexo's public ever, because Sodexo is closed on relations manager. ever, because Sodexo is closed on campus for most of the summer,

Many Sodexo employees at Juniata were eligible for full-time status prior to the change. How-

ever, because Sodexo is closed on campus for most of the summer, most employees will no longer meet the requirement to be considered full-time employees and thereby will no longer receive insurance from the company.

"When my husband retired he got Medicare, so I came here for the insurance," said Sodexo employee Mary Coleman. "It used to be that if you worked 30 hours a week for at least six weeks a period, you were eligible for full-time. Most of us don't work in the summer; most of us aren't even offered it."

"The majority of us will be part-time now because of this. Rarely do they need anyone to work 30 hours [per week] over the summer," said a Sodexo employee at Juniata who asked to remain anonymous.

While the change was a response to the ACA, employers must only change their requirements for full-time status if they currently exclude employees working 30 or more hours per week. Yost says the

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Fate of fall break pending

By Lauren Lesser

The absence of a fall recess in the 2014-15 academic school year is under discussion as the Juniata administration considers adding the break back into the schedule.

"The change to fall break is under discussion," said Kathryn Westcott, interim provost. "The cabinet will meet to discuss, but there is no decision yet."

Westcott acknowledges that there are pros and cons to the different calendar structures.

"The hardest thing academically is that we break for a week and then come back for only a week and a half of classes. We're concerned that students won't be taking a break. Instead they'll be gearing up for everything ahead. But given that, then you have to think about travel," said Westcott.

The amount of out-of-state students has increased in recent years, forcing the administration to consider different options for the academic calendar due to logistics of travel, expenses and practicality for students who live a great distance from campus.

Kris Clarkson, dean of students, identifies this as one of several reasons the possible change in the calendar could be made.

"The demographics of Juniata have shifted over the past several years. We now need to take into consideration the great amount of students who have to travel quite a distance to get home," said Clarkson.

Westcott adds that while the change may benefit students who live further away from campus, there are still negatives to the elimination of fall break.

"For those in the five to six hour range distance away, the longer break does appear to be more popular. But for the people who are really far away, such as the international students or those from the west coast, they probably won't be able to go home for a week and turn around only to go home again so soon after [at the end of the semester]," said Westcott.

Clarkson also emphasized that there are many things that go into planning the academic year that students often do not take into consideration.

"We have to take a look at Penn State's schedule for transportation reasons. Then we have to look at what is best for our student body. We can't start too early in August or go too late into May, and we have to observe different days," said Clarkson.

Students have mixed feelings about the changes to fall break.

"In a sense, it will cut down on expenses a lot. That's the main is-

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Party disagreements prompt shutdown

By MATT ELIAS

Void of agreement on a national budget, the U.S. Federal Government formally shut down on Oct. 1. The Tea Party effort to defund Obamacare and the Democratic response to that effort resulted in the sixteen-day government shutdown.

Each year the Senate, which is currently controlled by the Democrats, and the House, where the Republicans maintain majority, are responsible for funding the United States through the mutual formulation of 12 appropriation bills. However, increased party polarization prevented the House and Senate from passing a formal budget plan, which resulted in the enactment of continuing resolutions.

"A continuing resolution is a politically-free process in which Democrats and Republicans agree on the funding of the government according to the same levels as they had agreed upon previously," said senior Derrick Magnotta, president of the Juniata Democrats.

The last continuing resolution spanned from March 28 to Sept. 30, the end of the government's fiscal year. Separated by the aisle, Republican and Democratic negotiations reached a stalemate when Republicans were

unwilling to pass a continuing resolution at the beginning of the shutdown.

Republicans tethered the development of a new budget to the defunding of Obamacare, despite the fact that key components of the Affordable Care Act have already been implemented.

"The Affordable Care Act is arguably the most unpopular piece of legislation among conservatives that has been passed during the Obama administration. It's seen as an infringement upon states' rights, as contrary to capitalism, and basically as a socialized healthcare piece of legislation," said junior Kyle Salage, president of the Juniata Republicans.

"There are a lot of perceived problems because it is extremely expensive to fund. It is funded in part by taxpayers' money, but also by government spending money as well. It will be a large portion of the budget. When you have individuals in Congress who are pushing for budget cuts, funding Obamacare makes that difficult," said Salage.

"What we saw was a radical fraction of the Republican Party taking the government hostage by holding enough votes to prevent the passing of a new CR. They did this because these radical Republicans think it is the last chance to stop the Affordable Care Act,"

said Magnotta. "They feel that if they defund Obamacare, the government cannot pass funding for other health and human services which will eventually result, in essence, in the end of Obamacare regardless of the fact that it has been upheld by the Supreme Court."

"Honestly, this is a fair change and one which the Democrats can agree on. This deal, worked out by the Senate, allowed the Democrats to say that they did in fact negotiate and allowed Republicans to say that they made some changes to Obamacare," said junior Duncan Morgen-Westrick.

The effects of the government shutdown were far reaching, as all federally-owned companies were forced to decipher which of their employees are "essential" versus "non-essential." Essential government workers are characterized, in short, as employees that uphold jobs pertaining to national security, public safety or anything that is written into permanent law.

Throughout the shutdown, essential federal employees were forced to continue work without pay until distinct party lines were mediated and the government shutdown came to

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President embraces JC culture, welcomes community to his home

By Spencer VanHoose

Although it has only been a few months since the semester started, President James Troha has already engaged in numerous activities geared toward interacting with students and community members. He is also extending an open invitation to his home to the local community, welcoming anyone and everyone to be a part of it.

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"I enjoy just getting to know the students and participating in their lives here; it's just who I am," said Troha. Troha took the initiative on the first day of classes to get to know the students.

"I'm a brand new president and this is my very first semester, so the first day I really wanted to do something that would give me a chance to meet a lot of people," said Troha. "Having coffee first thing in the morning was a great way to get them here and enjoying each other's company. It was just a chance to interact with students on the first day of classes." Troha said he enjoys getting to know the students and that it's his favorite part about his job.

Troha also mentioned that he wanted to see what the Storming of the Arch was all about and was encouraged by the students to participate.

"It was a lot of fun," said Troha. "I wasn't trying to prove anything or do anything other than participate with the students."

Students were excited about his participation in the Storming of the Arch and other campus events. "I think it's great he did the



Juniata's twelfth president has placed considerable focus on personally connecting with students and faculty. In addition to his presidential duties, he has participated in Lobsterfest, Storming the Arch and Mountain Day.

Storming of the Arch and I've seen pictures on Facebook of him going to the football games. I think it's awesome that he's involved with student activities - even though I'm sure he has other important obligations as president," said sophomore Megan Lemmo.

Daniel Gray, the senior class president, approves of Troha's transparency to the students.

"I think he makes his presence well known on campus. A lot of people have their own 'President Troha stories' already, which is really cool. He wants everyone to know who he is, and he wants to know all the students as well. I think that goes a long way," said Gray.

Troha also hopes to usher in some new traditions at Juniata, including an annual "Coffee on the quad" tradition in response to the success of this semester's event.

We're going to do this on the first day of classes each semester, so in the winter I want to have hot chocolate and a fire out in the quad and have students come on by and hang out," said Troha. "I think it would be a neat, new tradition; one that will continue to attract students." Troha said Juniata's traditions are part of what drew him here.

Gray said that Troha was cautioned not to become too involved with the students.

"President Troha was warned when he took his position to never be the advisor of a student run organization, but he has already done that. He is in charge of the Eagles Nest, which is the fan section [for sports events]," said Gray.

As president, Troha believes that it is a priority to be involved with the students as much

"I think my presidential responsibilities and obligations are to the students. People might see me too aligned with the students and not involved enough with other aspects of running the College, and that one I would defend," said Troha. "I think I am getting to know the students; I'm getting to know who they are, what their needs are and what they're looking for. As I interact with students, I get information that helps me become a better president. So I would argue that I need to spend more time with students."

Interim Provost Kathryn Westcott commends Troha for his participation in student activities.

"No matter what role you play here, the reason we are here is to provide an education and opportunities for students. To be at student events and to participate in student activities really brings that connection home. I think it's really important and something that we value as a community and we should have that connection with students," said Westcott.

Troha is also more than willing to extend invitations to his house to all members of the community.

"When the college bought the house, the intent was that their

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Shutdown highlights Democrat and Republican disagreements

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essential and non-essential federal employees are subject to receive delayed paychecks.

"A lot of ordinary people who aren't federal employees [felt] the effects of the shutdown, but as this dragged out it spilled over into the private sector," said Salage. "For instance, fishermen in Alaska have a huge crab and lobster business and unfortunately the people who dictate fishing quotas deemed the fishing business non-essential. As a result, their industry has lost millions of dollars in potential profits. Essentially, a trickle-down effect occurred.'

The Senate formulated a bipartisan deal on Wednesday, Oct. 16 reboot the government. The settlement is temporary, as it highlights details to fund the government through Jan. 15, in addition to suspending the debt ceiling until Feb. 7.

Despite adamant Republican dissent, the national debt ceiling continues to climb, as the legislation includes a component that will cause the debt ceiling to exceed \$16.7 trillion.

"The Republicans voted to increase the debt ceiling under the Bush administration dozens of times," said Magnotta. "It's only been an issue since the Democrats have taken control of the White House, so it's blatant politics. What's most important is that we raise the debt ceiling so we don't default on our national debt. That is critical to national security as well as our international image."

The formulation of a deal possibly prevented an international economic crisis, as the economic

repercussions associated with defaulting on loans could have proven catastrophic. The United States' stock market could have tanked, which may have resulted in an economic spiral in the global economy.

The economic implications drove the deal into fruition, as the House accepted the deal late on Wednesday, Oct. 16. Included in the bargain is a Dec. 13 aim for creating a long-term, stable budget plan.

"The problem with the deal is that we will have all of the same major issues back on the

table in January. Issues will be raised about whether or not we want to keep Obamacare, how to fund to government and what to do with regard to the debt ceiling," said Dr. Dennis Plane, associate professor of politics. "We have not come any closer to fixing the fundamental rift in the United States about the size of government and about the amount of taxes that's appropriate, so we're still going to be spending a lot more than we take in."

The United States maintains the best investment credit in the world, and the comparative stability of the US economy ultimately spurs an economic phenomenon in which foreign investment allows national spending to significantly exceed total revenue.

"Essentially we get 'cheap' money because we are such sound investors," said Plane. "Foreign countries will loan to us because we always pay back money on time and always pay interest. We are loaned money at a low rate because we have such high credit."

The government has reopened its doors. As a result, the threat of domestic and international economic crisis has been quelled in the short-run. However, the next few months will be pivotal in terms of delineating a longterm national budget.

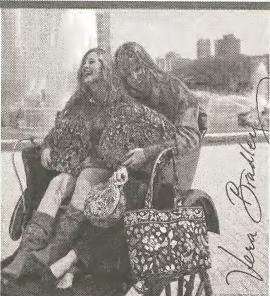
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Student-written sexual misconduct policy promotes open dialogue

By ZACH LEMON

The student-sponsored group JC SAFER, or Students, Administration and Faculty Ending Rape, is collaborating with the College administration to rewrite the campus policy on sexual misconduct.

"One of the main things we're working on with the policy is getting it to be Title IX and Cleary Act compliant and right now it's really not," said senior Kate Brown, who took charge of JC SAFER after it was formed in the summer of 2013. Title IX, part of the Education Amendment of 1972, was passed to prevent discrimination based on gender or sex, and also relates to sexual assault and harassment. The Cleary Act requires universities funded by federal financial aid programs to keep records of criminal activity on or near their campuses.

Dan Cook-Huffman, assistant dean of students, said that while the administration does carry out its investigative and punitive processes in compliance with Title IX, the actual written policies need to be updated.

"I really do believe we are in compliance with the way we operate, but I think it's true we have not made as clear as we need to our policies and procedures that are published [about] where we stand and how we do things," said Cook-Huffman. Cook-Huffman is ATIXA certified, meaning that he has been trained to adjudicate offenses related to Title IX. He cited specific changes to Title IX that have been made in the last

"If you have a sexual assault or a sexual misconduct case and it goes to the judicial board, the new standard that we must follow for Title IX compliance is 'preponderance of the evidence.' Rather than 'clear and convincing,' or 'beyond a reasonable doubt,' which are different legal standards, we have to follow 'preponderance of the evidence," said Cook-Huffman. He also mentioned that sometimes cases of misconduct might go unreported.

"I know people on campus who have woken up and are not sure what had happened to them. Not positive, but they assumed that they had been drugged or something and they weren't comfortable enough to go to anybody which is why I think the culture needs to be changed," said sophomore Laurel Watkins, one of six students involved in the initiative. Watkins said that acquaintances' experiences like these helped inspire her to join SAFER.

Sophomore Nicole Jordan, another member of the group, cited a report emailed to students by Juniata College Public Safety stating that no cases of sexual assault had been reported in the previous year. She is doubtful that no cases of assault actually occurred.

"Women get sexually assaulted all the time and say, 'Oh, it's my

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fault," said W. Clay & Kathryn H. Burkholder Professor of Conflict Resolution Celia Cook-Huffman, one of the group's faculty advisors. C. Cook-Huffman said that the culture surrounding sexual assault does not permit women to come forward as victims.

Brown suggested that the policy

guidelines were not clearly defined or easy for students to find.

"One of the biggest issues that we're trying to correct is that the policy is not transparent and students do not know what the policy is or what their options are," said Brown. "I certainly don't want the number of reported incidents to go up because of more incidents happening, but if more people knew about the policies that were in place and that caused the number of reports to go up, I think that would be a positive change," said Brown.

D. Cook-Huffman said that apart from the College website, Juniata had few resources for quickly locating the sexual misconduct policy.

"If you go to our Juniata website and go to the search bar and just type 'sexual assault,' what comes up is the policy from the human resources office, which largely is about sexual misconduct among staff and faculty," said D. Cook-Huffman. D. Cook-Huffman estimates that the policy should be rewritten by spring semester of 2014.

SAFER's secondary which involves educational outreach events, will continue after the policy is changed.

"I think the policy could be changed within a year or in less

than a year. Everyone involved is really on board," said Watkins.

"Even if we have a perfect policy, we also have to get students and everyone on campus to use it. For me, that's a larger cultural question [about] how we think about sexual assault, how we think about people's roles and responsibilities around sexual assault [and] trying to create a climate where people feel safe to talk about what happened to them," said C. Cook-Huffman.

Brown also said that changing culture through educational outreach would be a focus of SAFER.

"It's a way as a senior to give back to the college and to leave a lasting impression on the campus," said Brown. D. Cook-Huffman said that he was excited about students stepping forward to address the matter in a committed and helpful way.

"We don't want it to seem like we're attacking the school because we're not. There are a lot of great things in our school's policy," said Jordan.

D. Cook-Huffman said he was pleased with SAFER's commitment so far. "I'm very happy to see that the students who started this are being very proactive about looking at Juniata's policies and

Workers upset over impending loss of healthcare, vacation and sick time

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change was made to ensure the company's compliance with the requirements of the ACA in order to avoid potential penalties.

"If Sodexo did not align its definition of full-time employee with the federal definition to allow for proper internal tracking of eligibility," said Yost, "the company could face penalties of between \$2,000-\$3,000 per incident for not making affordable coverage available to eligible employees and complying with the mandate."

Some argue that Sodexo could have chosen a "look back" period in which they measure the amount of hours an employee works each week. According to the ACA, this period can be no fewer than three months and no more than 12 months. Currently, the company is using a 12-month period.

"The employer has flexibility to determine the months in which it starts and ends," said the anonymous Sodexo employee. "They could work it around the winter break and summer break." Doing so, the anonymous source suggested, could have allowed full-time employees to retain their statuses and benefits.

While the change came as a shock to some, Vice President of Finance and Operations Rob Yelnosky contended that changes to benefits packages are common in businesses.

"Benefits packages are typically developed as one part of a strategy to help organizations attract and retain the people needed to deliver on the organization's mission. Ben-

efits packages change regularly," said Yelnosky. "Those changes can be a result of competitive situations, financial realities or changes in regulations/legislation. I know I've personally worked at a number of organizations where the benefits have changed. It is not uncommon."

To help employees successfully transition into the healthcare marketplace, Sodexo has set up a list of options for employees to attain healthcare from other places. They have also trained representatives to help guide their employees through the transition. These options include online tools, a call center for employees to discuss their questions, training for managers on the ACA and other tools.

As part of an effort to help employees understand the transition and find other healthcare providers, employees were notified of the changes and their options in early October.

"[Part-time employees] will have access to COBRA continuation coverage as well as other options including the state and federal health insurance marketplace, also known as exchanges, private insurance and Medicaid, depending on personal circumstances. In many cases, these options may be more affordable, particularly with the subsidies," said Yost.

Some employees have begun searching for health insurance and believe that Sodexo's claims may be untrue.

"It's going to be expensive for me to go out and buy it," said Coleman. "They say, with Obamacare, since you don't make a lot

of money you're eligible for the subsidy. But if they go off of combined income, mine and my husband's both, it's going to cost me more than it costs me now."

In addition to losing healthcare, employees who are no longer considered full-time could lose other benefits.

"Not only are they taking away insurance because of the new law," said Coleman, "they are also going to stop giving us sick time accumulated and vacation time accumulated. You can keep what you have, but you're not getting any more."

To make up for this, eligible employees will receive a pay increase.

"The equivalent pay increase varies depending on each individual employee's pay and is calculated based on the employee's accumulated paid time off," said Yost.

"You'll be getting more per hour. You're supposed to set some of that aside and when you want a sick day, you're supposed to spend out of that," said Coleman. "So you know what's going to happen when you want a sick day? You're going to be in here working."

Students and professors working with the Vermont Fair Food Campaign at the University of Vermont have written an open letter to the general management of Sodexo at their institution arguing that these changes should be reversed. The potential for a similar action being taken by Juniata students remains a possibility.

"I was thinking about starting a petition about this because



Jon Gill prepares food at the Red Hot Chef station in Baker. Sodexo will change their defiition of a full-time employee to avoid the ACA's Employer Mandate.

although it is more-so on the corporate level, I feel like on this campus, maybe because it is such a small campus, we all have our favorite Sodexo employees. I feel like they're each like our family members," said senior Allison Blumling.

Student government has also been approached about this issue. "One of student government's roles is to be the voice of the students to the administration. Whether that includes Sodexo or not depends; Sodexo is a private company," said senior and Student Government President Anshu Chawla.

"Students are upset about it. It's just hard to figure out how we can channel that energy whether we can channel it effectively and mediate change or if we even have the power to mediate change," said Blumling.

"I think Juniata as a community should be able to look for another organization. If Sodexo is going to do this to our employees, Juniata should be able to withdraw from their contract with Sodexo and try to get another company to take on the employees so they can get the benefits that they need," said junior Abby Nolan.

Currently, there is no indication that Sodexo's actions will impact their relationship with Juniata.

"As with any of our partnerships we are constantly evaluating the relationship and we will continue to do that in this case. We are still gathering information regarding the details of the changes that Sodexo is making and the impetus for those changes," said Yelnosky.

Benefits outweigh cons in ceramics studio move to JCEL basement

By WARD UDINSKI

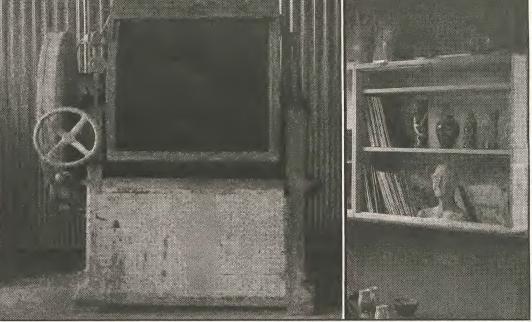
The ceramics studio on the far side of College Avenue was demolished over the summer to make room for the construction of a new dorm building. The ceramics studio has been moved to the basement of JCEL, which is located on the corner of 14th Street and Moore Street.

"As you can tell, they tore down the whole studio and that's where the new building is going. Everything got moved down here to JCEL," said senior Kelsey Kohrs who serves as the president of Mud Junkies, the ceramics club.

"Our old studio was up on campus. We had a wood kiln, a soda kiln and a raku kiln outside," said senior Hillary Palmer, a member of Mud Junkies. "All we had was one classroom that was both wheel throwing and hand building. We had our glazing area in that same classroom."

Although the students enjoyed working in the old studio, the new studio is much more spacious and contains many more features.

"Now we have a lot more space. There's actually a separate room for hand building and for wheel throwing. The kilns are in a different area than glazes," said Kohrs. "It's a really awesome facility. We have a lot more room and the ceilings are much higher, so



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The move to JCEL caused the ceramics studio to lose their wood and raku kilns. However, students are satisfied with the studio's new wheelthrowing room and additional storage space.

people can build taller pieces of art."

"We have a wheel-threading classroom, a hand building classroom, a glaze room, a mixing room and a firing space in the back where we have our bisque kilns and a gas kiln," said Palmer. "We also built a new soda kiln, which is outside in a gated enclosure."

"There's a lot more space and a lot more places for storage. We actually have a room specifically set up for photographing our work. So we have an installed backdrop and we have lighting and a camera," said Palmer. "As soon as our work gets out of the kiln we can photograph it there, which is pretty cool. We didn't have anything at all like that before."

The ceramics department has put a lot of work into their new studio in order to get it ready for students. "It's starting to really take shape. I'm working on a lot of organizational stuff just to get things more efficient down here," said ce-

ramics adjunct and studio technician Louis Reilly.

"We spent all of our funds on the whole studio down here because this whole basement area was completely unfinished," said Palmer. "This is completely permanent. Everything that we're doing down here, we're building more and more everyday. We built a bunch of shelves. This is a really good space with really good lighting. It is definitely an upgrade."

"Compared to where I got

my bachelors at the University of Missouri, it's got a little bit more size. There is more potential for things to be organized, so it's probably a little bit better as far as natural lighting and stuff like that," said Reilly. "For the number of students that come through here, this is a really good studio."

The ceramics students really like their new space but miss some of the pieces from the old studio. "I'm going to miss the wood kiln, which is the one that was torn down. That was my favorite thing to do because it was literally a gamble; maybe it came out good, maybe it came out bad. I'm definitely going to miss that for my senior year," said Kohrs.

"The wood kiln is the only thing that we're missing. Everything else is upgraded. We don't have a raku kiln, but we didn't really use it when we were up there anyways," said Palmer. "I don't really know what the plans are for the wood kiln as of right now. I think we'll try and recycle a lot of the materials that we had in the old one when they do start building it though."

Students seem exceptionally pleased with the smooth transition into Juniata's new ceramics studio. The new features and space will allow them to work more efficiently in the future.

Troha storms his way into presidency

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next president not only lives here but entertains here. Jennifer and I want to do that—it's part of who we are and our service to the community," said Troha.

"Our very first official event at the house was the student gathering. Student government was the very first group here and it was important to me that we do that," said Troha. "I wanted to send a message to our community that students come first."

"Dr. Troha approached me, and asked to have the [senate] meeting there, and I thought it would be a great way for him to get to understand senate and get to know people in senate as representatives of the school. It was a great way to get to know him as well," said senior Anshu Chawla, president of student government executive board.

"It was really nice of he and his family to let us into their home," said Gray. Troha assured the student government members that they can feel free to hold a meeting at his house any time.

"We're going to do something a little bit different; we are going to open our house to the Huntingdon community," said Troha. "Business owners, local school board personnel, the school super intendant and people like that [are among those whom] we want to invite in and not only say happy holidays, but give them a chance to see where the Juniata president now is and make ourselves available."

Troha has plans to make his house available for use by the student body as well.

"My idea is to welcome the new students up here, maybe an ice cream type social, and welcome them to Juniata, and then their senior year have a closing event up here as well," said Troha.

"At the end of the day it is his family's home, but he said he does want to make it available to students and organizations to use," said Gray.

"I think he is doing a fantastic job," said Gray. "I haven't met someone who is as 'gung-ho' as he is toward the students. He really tries to develop personal relationships with each of the students that he meets."

"I've really enjoyed working with him. He's very open to new ideas and I like his student-centered focus," said Westcott.

"He is definitely a laid-back but very warm president," said Chawla. "People have said that once you meet him and introduce yourself, he will never forget your name."

Academic schedule debate

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sue. But I'm not really sure what the best option is. As an international student, I get to see a lot of America during those breaks, and I may not get to do that as much with only one break in the fall," said freshman Dean Polisena from Australia.

Polisena also made the case for fall break from an academic standpoint.

"I needed that fall break, just as a refresher even. I felt like I came back refreshed and ready to get back into the swing of things," said Polisena.

Patricia Hunter, college counselor at the health and wellness center, agreed that there are two sides to the conflict.

"On one hand, we hear from students that with fall break being a shorter break, it is difficult to travel any distance," said Hunter. "From the mental health/stress reduction side, fall break has been perfectly situated in the middle of the semester."

Hunter suggested that to an extent, a break before Thanksgiving is necessary.

"First of all, it is right around the midterm time period, which means it is either a nice break following midterms or for those students who have midterms when they return, it gives them a little extra time to prepare. Second, but foremost, fall break can be seen as the chance to catch their second wind as they go into the latter half of the semester." said Hunter.

Freshman Katherine Jeffress, a student from Texas, agrees that having a fall break is nice but that it is difficult for students who live a greater distance from campus.

"I can see students really need a break in their schedule come midterm time, but for those of us that live further away, we still have to stay or find somewhere else to go," said Jeffress.

Carlos Faccio, a sophomore from Puerto Rico, would rather the calendar remain the same since it allows him to see his family.

"I get homesick a lot and I want to be able to see my family and friends. I don't get to do that a lot. I like fall break because it gives me a chance to see them even if it is only for a couple of days," said Faccio.

"We're just trying to see what makes sense for the most students," said Westcott. "We don't know, maybe some of the resistance is just that it isn't something we've done before."



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Government oversteps digital boundaries on private information

OPINION & EDITORIAL



There has been a great deal of disturbing news surfacing lately regarding the sickening prospect of government violations of citizens' privacy. We are, of course, all familiar with Edward Snowden's recent revelation that the government is keeping a closer eye on our communications than we previously thought. Snowden revealed the existence of programs such as XKeyscore and PRISM.

For those of you who do not know what these programs are, I'll offer a brief explanation of each. XKeyscore is a computer program that the NSA uses to collect and analyze data obtained from intercepted emails. This program not

only allows the NSA to access metadata, or data about the data, but also decrypts the content of the emails it intercepts.

On the other hand, PRISM is a mass electronic surveillance datamining program collects stored Internet communications by making demands of the information from Internet companies. It's currently estimated that 91% of the Internet data collected by the NSA comes from PRISM. Companies that provide this data to PRISM include Microsoft, Yahoo!, Google, Facebook, YouTube, AOL, Skype and Apple.

In my opinion, it is frightening that so many of these popular websites are willingly handing one's private information to the NSA at their request. The fact that the NSA clearly has the ability to intercept and access emails at will is a remarkably discomforting thought.

It is not a surprise that because of news like this about how easily the government can get a hold of per-

sonal data, many people are turning to the use of things like secure emailing services to ensure that their sensitive and private information is not being accessed by a third party. One such company was Lavabit, a secure emailing service that offered customers the guarantee that their data would be heavily encrypted and would not be accessible to anyone other than the intended recipient.

Over 400,000 people made use of this service, one of whom was Edward Snowden himself. When the FBI discovered Snowden's use of this site, they demanded that his emails be handed over to them and served a subpoena to Lavabit's owner, Ladar Levison. Levison complied with the subpoena, but that was not all the FBI wanted from him.

The FBI wanted to place something called a pen trap device in Lavabit's system to allow them to collect information on Snowden's email in real-time. They ended up

installing the device upstream with Lavabit's Internet provider, but the data was so encrypted that the FBI was unable to decode it into anything useful.

This caused the FBI to demand that Levison hand over the encryption key to his site so that they could access Lavabit's data at any time they pleased. Levison initially refused to hand over the key as it would be tantamount to giving the government access to the data of all of his 400,000+ users in one fell swoop. He was then fined \$10,000 as a contempt charge because he took two days to hand the encryption key over.

As a result of having to hand over the encryption key, Levison's promise to his users that their data was inaccessible to anyone other than themselves and those they sent it to was no longer true. For this reason, Levison ultimately shut down Lavabit. He then the grounds that it was an uncon-value either.

stitutional violation of privacy for the government to demand that an encryption key be handed over.

Levison's appeal is being hailed as a potential landmark privacy case. I personally applaud Levison for trying to stand up for his rights. He did everything he possibly could to give the FBI what he was legally obligated to as stated in the subpoena. However, they still demanded that he hand over his encryption key. Levison lost his business as a result of the FBI getting ahold of that key.

The FBI claimed that they would only use the key to access Snowden's data and informed Levison that he did not need to shut down Lavabit. However, based on the governments past actions with data it has had access to, I do not think they truly deserve the benefit of the doubt on this subject. Judging from Levison's actions, I would say he appealed the contempt charge on did not take this promise at face

Bradford jeopardizes pertormance new gaming consoles

I own a Wii U. For a gamer, that's a difficult confession to make. It's a sub-par system with graphics that hail from four or five years ago, little-to-no RAM, and half the processing power of its competitors. but worse than that, it's a system with so few titles that it's hardly worth purchasing. The sole selling point for me was that there is one particular game for the Wii U that I wanted to be able to play online with my friend who lives half a continent away.

But back to the point: besides Capcom's newest 'Monster Hunter' title, the one thing that Nintendo's Wii U has going for it is that it heralds in the newest generation of video game consoles. The Wii U came out in December of last year, where the PS4 -Sony's newest console - and the Xbox One - Microsoft's most recent addition to the gaming universe - will both be released early next month.

This editorial, however, is not compare/contrast of the three newest gaming consoles. It is, rather, an expression of concern over whether or not Juniata's secure network is ready for the new consoles.

Like I said, the Wii U has been out for a little over ten months now, but requires a special, manual override of the system to be allowed on to the network. I am not the only owner of a Wii U on campus, either. I know at least two other students who own the console, and would hazard to say that there are an additional handful of whom I am not even aware.

The two people who I do know own a Wii U, are, like me, unable to access the internet from the device. From what I've gathered over this month-and-a-half-long

ordeal of trying to get my Wii U that are coming out that numer-connected to JC Secure is that ous college kids with not enough Bradford - oh, Bradford, you bane money and not enough time are of last minute, late night essays simply just doesn't like the Wii U. It's been 10 months since it was released, though, right? Shouldn't Bradford be able to operate with the Wii's system? Did it just get overlooked? What gives? When there's a new update for Windows or Macintosh, it seems like you have about ten minutes to install the update and restart before Bradford boots you off the network and into the internet purgatory that is "REMEDIATION." The programmers for Bradford seem to be pretty on top of the ball with PC updates, so I don't know why the Wii U has proven to be so difficult.

The more important question, though, is whether or not Juniata's network will be able to accommodate the rash of new consoles

sure to buy. And believe you me, many of the students here will be getting one or the other of the newest gen consoles. But will Bradford be able to adapt? Or will it remain as outdated and antiquated as it currently is?

Which raises yet another question: one must ask whether Bradford Security Systems is even the appropriate way to go. Three, four, maybe even five years ago, I can understand why Bradford would seem like a good choice. Smart phones and other devices weren't nearly as ubiquitous as they are today. It's safe to say that the vast majority of people at Juniata have a smart phone. On top of that, there are e-readers like the Kindle, and tablets like the iPad, the Galaxy, or the Surface. It's not uncom-

mon for one person to own three, four, sometimes five separate devices that all require registration on Juniata's network and all require compatibility with Bradford Security Systems. When one student owned one computer and maybe, just maybe, a smart phone, I would understand Bradford, but now when the number of wireless devices outnumbers the students by five to one, it seems like an old-fashioned solution that is now seemingly outdated.

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In the Oct. 9 issue, Collin Shay wrote an opinion article about my response on stage to Duncan Reiss's performance at Mr. Juniata. In that article, Shay asked, "Why did Mathur have such a problem

If Mr. Shay actually wanted an his reporting duty and come to ask me. He did not.

Instead, acting on conjecture, Shay proceeded to suggest that I critically as host. While everyone is supposed hypocrisy as well. entitled to his/her opinion, the Juniatian readership is also entitled to contestant a "bio sheet" to gather

competition four times. In each of those years, Circle K's rules for the contestants have included the following: 1. Contestants cannot perform any act that isn't rehearsed in front of Circle K and the theatre's technical team on the night before the competition. 2. Contestants can't use the "F" word during their acts.

Quite simply, Duncan broke both of those rules.

In his rehearsal, he delivered different spoken lyrics than what he performed at the event.

During rehearsal, he did not say "f*ck." On the night of the competition, he did.

After he finished his act, I walked to the podium, as scheduled. Instead of making a funny quip about the performance, I apologized to the audience for it. I was annoyed at the stunt, yes, but I did not, as Shay writes, react with "personal bias" or "scold" Duncan for swearing in front answer to that, he would have done of children. I apologized and announced that the act did not follow the rules of the competition.

If Mr. Shay had approached me before writing his article, I could acted inappropriately and hypo- have answered his accusation of my

Each year, Circle K gives each hear facts before forming their own. personal information and funny I have hosted the Mr. Juniata answers in order to fill the event's script. This year, one question asked participants to describe themselves in two words. Dan Phillips wrote "sexy b*tch." Those words were approved because they fell within the rules of the event. They appeared in the script that I was given and I said them.

> In each instance, I upheld the rules of the competition. That's not hypocritical. That's consistent.

> In the end, if the contestant would have followed those rules, I wouldn't have apologized for his act, and if Mr. Shay would have followed the rules of sound journalism, I wouldn't have written this letter.

- Dr. Amy Mathur



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Howard's 'Migrations' exhibit loaded with nostalgia

By KATHERINE TOBAR

Patricia Howard, assistant professor of art, is exhibiting a show entitled "Migrations," which involves the stories and memories of the eight houses her mother lived in while growing up, in addition to black and white photographs of the Grange Fair.

"The reason I called it that is because there are two main bodies of work in the show. One of them is about all the houses that my mother lived in. When she was growing up in this little town in the Midwest, in Indiana, her father kept selling the houses and moving around but they never left this little town," said Howard.

Howard's mother grew up in the 1930s during the Great Depression. For this reason she found many of the stories and memories that her family told to her very interesting at that time.

"I went back to Indiana and I found all the houses she lived in. I took photographs of them and I took different objects that were hers like a doll, some quilts and things that were hers growing up and I put them in the photographs around the houses and then I wrote stories... There is a story for each house that she lived in," said Howard.

Sharing personal stories is not as easy as many would think. Even experienced artists such as Patricia find it difficult to approach the people about their stories.

"It's easy in a way because I'm so familiar with it and I love the idea of a town and a community. I used to go to that town every summer when I was growing up and the people there are really wonderful and really friendly. But it's also difficult because what my fear was that [this history] would be so personal that I wondered whether it would be interesting to other people," said Howard.

Photos she took at the Grange Fair encampment compose the second body of work in the exhi-

The fair started as a family tradition in Centre Hall, PA and will celebrate its 140th annual postharvest gathering next year.

"It started with farmers and what happens is all the people come and live in tents for two weeks. They sit around and talk to each other and they live in tents and they have a little cots to sleep on and have Lazy Boy chairs and television," said Howard.

The exhibition shows both personal and impersonal stories for Patricia at the same time. She uses color as a tool to describe her proximity to the stories.

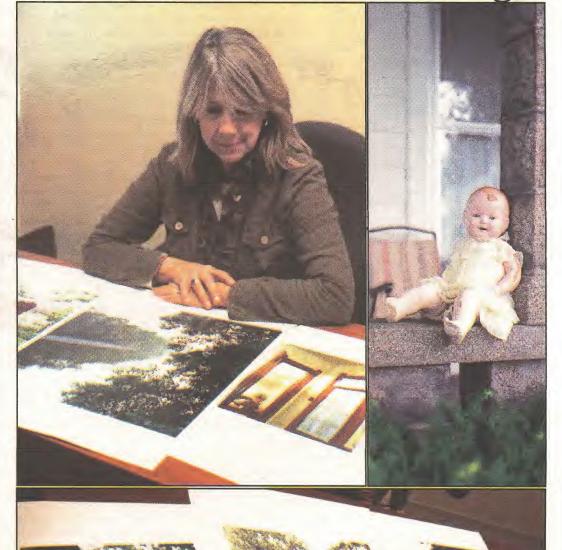
"I decided to work in black-andwhite with this body because, to me, it seemed like an anachronistic thing; like they came from the past. I was surprised people would still do this," said Howard.

"It's about people, about movement and migrations. I thought it would be a nice juxtaposition: one is in color, one is in black and white, and one is local," said Howard.

Howard's exhibition "Migrations" will be opening at the Juniata Museum of Art on Nov. 7, 2013 and will remain there until Feb. 8,

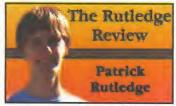
There will be an inaugural reception at 5:00 p.m. on opening night to welcome those who are interested in this kind art expression. Everyone is welcome.

"My hope with the work - it's subject matter... it's very personal to me, especially the Indiana photos. But my hope is that it will also be something that people can relate to in their own lives, that it will kind of transcend that. I hope that people will feel some connection or meaning in the photographs. Even though it's not their family, I hope people can think about their own family and childhood and the meaning of home," said Howard.



Patricia Howard, assistant professor of art, has a photography exhibit that will show from Nov. 7 through Feb. 8. She traveled back to the small town in Indiana and photographed the houses her mother grew up in. Howard captured the Pennsylvania phenomenon known as the Grange Fair on film as well. Her series, 'Migrations,' focuses on family, the sense of home and history of places. Top Right: A Patricia Howard original photograph.

Hugh Jackman with testicles on his chin is only the beginning



Allow me to be blunt: "Movie 43" is so awful that I'm not sure where to start.

I might as well begin by mentioning that "Movie 43" is supposed to be a comedy. With this film, we'll be returning to the land of bad movies whose run-times consist of short films loosely connected by a weak overarching plot. Mind you, the main plot will be very different depending on where you choose not to watch it.

If you choose not to watch "Movie 43" in the U.S., the movie you will not be watching is about an aspiring screenwriter pitching scripts to a steadily more agitated film executive (Those pitches play out as the short stories). If you choose not to watch it in the United Kingdom and several other countries, it's about a group of teenagers who discover a series of clips online so awful they bring about the end of the world (And those clips are shown to us as the same short stories).

The key fact that you should take home from all this nonsense is that, in both versions of the movie, the main stories hinge on the individual shots being absolutely terrible. I've seen films that failed because their hearts just weren't in it or because they were cynically calculated affairs with no heart or soul behind them. But I don't know that I've ever seen a film where its creators were so invested in making it terrible on purpose.

Look, I get it. Comedy is a complex art, and different people find different things amusing. Just because I don't personally find something funny doesn't mean it's definitively unfunny. But even when you broaden and stretch your definition of comedy to the breaking point, "Movie 43" still comes up short. There's hardly an ounce of creativity evident in any of the short films. A wife asking her husband to poop on her, former lovers saying dirty things into the intercom at a supermarket, and a music player shaped like a naked woman - these are all ideas that the filmmakers decided were worth their own skits. This doesn't even qualify as lowbrow comedy. This is comedy breaking into the ninth circle of hell; it compares to hanging out with people who think TheAnnoyingOrange is funny.

Although, I guess I have to admit that I did burst out laughing during the first skit when Kate Winslet and Hugh Jackman were on a blind date and Winslet attempted to figure out why she wass the only one who noticed that Hugh Jackman had testicles on his chin. I wasn't laughing because the

scene was especially clever or wellwritten, mind. It was more of a situation where I was watching the first time and she's smearing it all scene for a minute or so before it over the wall! Isn't that GROSS? occurred to me that I was watch- But also funny, right? Oh, how ing Hugh Jackman - a critically acclaimed, well-known actor who I showered with praise during my previous review for strong dramatic acting abilities - play out a scene where he had testicles on his chin. That cold hard fact was funnier to me than anything actually playing out on-screen at that moment.

At best it can be seen as funny that bits of "Movie 43" even exist. At worst (Read: Literally everything besides the above scene), it comes off like a 12-year-old farting onto his hand and then waving it around in the air in a desperate attempt to make someone, anyone, laugh. It constantly falls back on the cheapest and easiest of scatological and sexual humor in hopes of possibly shocking audience members into laughing

against their will. "Hey! Look! This girl is having her period for the about this woman who surgically enlarges her breasts to gargantuan size over truth or dare? EDGY, right?"

Is it even worth mentioning at this point how much "Movie 43" seems to despise women, given most of the scenes I've been describing? Not really, seeing as you shouldn't even be taking this stupid movie that seriously. Bits of the film are so intent on causing offense in the laziest, most low-hanging fruit way possible. In my opinion, it's better to just shake your head and walk away. And speaking of low-hanging fruit, "Movie 43" is just that: a terrible movie and an easy target for any reviewer who wants to tear apart something horrendous.

Happy almost-Halloween!

Boxer's Café: Huntingdon's local destination for food and music



Boxer's Café, located on 418 Penn Street, is only a short drive or several block walk from Juniata College. The restaurant has been open for business since 1990. The café went green and showed their eco-consciousness when they began using rooftop solar energy in 2012. My first impression of this pub-style café was, "Wow, this place must be good - there are so many people here!"

Each time I have gone to Boxer's, there has been a bit of a wait to be seated since there is only one room for seating. However, considering the large amount of people the restaurant attracts, the service is fairly speedy.

When I went to Boxer's with a large group over the weekend, miraculously not a single one of our orders came out of the kitchen incorrectly. Likewise, all of our orders were extremely fresh. The only problem I recall encountering was the fact that they were out of chicken. On the bright side, the lack of chicken caused me to try something new. After all, one can get chicken anywhere.

The environment of Boxer's Café is lively and casual. I suppose



Boxer's Café on Penn Street in downtown Huntingdon is a favorite place to hang out among students, staff and Huntingdon residents alike. Just before dinner time, the interior seems empty and barren. As day turns to night, however, live music and great food transform this hole-in-the-wall café into a thriving party zone. Boxer's offers pub food, desserts and plenty of beer.

these surroundings are not something everybody would particularly enjoy because it can get loud with chatter and with the placement of tables being so close together. Personally, I enjoy being in an exciting and lively atmosphere.

The café offers live music on Friday and Saturday nights and entertainment is occasionally offered on other days throughout the week. Tuesday evenings are wing nights at 7:30 p.m. Kitchen hours

of the restaurant are 11:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 11:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays. Boxer's Café is closed on Sundays.

Boxer's specializes in pub-style food and offers a diverse selection of beers. The café has eight taps of assorted beers that are constantly changing. Their menu features homemade soups and desserts as well as vegan and organic selections in order to accommodate the

various likes of the college crowd and the rest of the Huntingdon

The portion sizes are generous and the prices are quite reasonable. So far, I have ordered chicken fingers and fish and chips for my meals at Boxer's. I recall the chicken fingers being tasty and hot (but those are difficult to get wrong) and I was surprised by how tasty

Ordering seafood at a non-sea-

food restaurant, I was a bit reluctant. However, the waitress convinced me to firm up my decision by saying, "Oh hunny, everything here is good." She was right.

Their menu dishes vary from fish, chicken and subs to salads, pizza, nachos and burgers. The vegetarian menu is filled with options such as a grilled garden burger or black bean burger, an open faced veggie melt and a hummus pita.

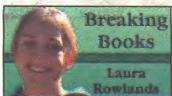
Though I have yet to try all of the options Boxer's has to offer, many of these options sound delicious. Other items on their menu are specialty sandwiches, quesadillas and seafood. The seafood offered at the café includes oysters, clams, shrimp, crab and salmon. I have also heard that Boxer's turkey reuben sandwich is especially delicious, which is another item on my 'to-try' list.

Reservations for Boxer's are normally neither necessary nor suggested. I have never made reservations ahead of time to eat at the café and I have never had to wait very long to be seated.

The staff is extremely courteous, accommodating and hospitable toward customers. They are confident in their ability to help customers on the spot.

Boxer's Café is a unique local restaurant that deserves a try. If you like social, fun and upbeat atmospheres, you will love this place.

Zusak's novel steals your heart with ease 'The Book Thief'



As Nov. 8 will mark the release of the film "The Book Thief" to American cinemas - except for the Clifton 5, which I expect will still be 'previewing' Gravity - I thought that a review of the book was probably due.

Picking up this book and reading the blurb for the first time, which stated that it was based on a child's vision of World War 2 Germany, did seem to scream 'don't read this unless you want to be depressed for the rest of your life!' As such, my guard was fully on alert.

But there were so many explosions of joy in Zusak's portrayal of the town's life that you cannot but be left with a tiny glow of happiness at Rudy's soot-covered skin as he relives Jesse Owen's Olympic success, or at the image of Leisel and Rudy stealing from teacher's pet Otto Sturm.

We are even introduced to the ornery old man Pfiffikus, whose whistling and incomprehensible abuse is something I'm sure any reader would be able to identify with at least one person in their lives. Saying this, I do have to admit that I did end up crying by the last 'part' of the novel. Yes I cried at a book and no I'm not ashamed for any of you who have read this or end up reading it, you'll fully sympathize with me on this one.

In ways often humorous and fantastically on point, Zusak manages to fully immerse us in the small German society. His ability to move through all modes of society opens this novel to readers of any age. It is safe to say that this novel is suffused with thoughtprovoking twists and turns which keeps you on your toes and constantly re-affirming and questioning your previous assumptions of a life and time period that now seems so far in the past.

This book, however, is not like those tightfisted novels that try and shove their messages down your throat. Zusak seems to be more concerned with allowing his readers the freedom to interpret the book however they chose while providing the reader with a truly great story.

Zusak perhaps comes into his own in the portrayal of his characters. You really do fall in love with the kind and gentle fatherliness of Hans, while Rudy's bright lemon hair and cheeky determination really does bring to life the cold streets of a poor German town. That's not even to mention possibly Zusak's greatest character: Rosa Hubberman, whose incessant German swearing left untranslated for the reader and her red and wrinkled attacks aimed at her adopted daughter, manages to strike the perfect balance of both instilling the reader with the terror 10 year old Leisel must have felt in her presence, and a warmth of tenderness by showing her dedication to her family and her caring for

this young girl.

The book is narrated by Death. A tad morbid for a book that is sometimes advertised as 'young adult'you ask? Weirdly, it is just the opposite. Zusak expertly injects his narrator with a healthy dose of wit and sarcasm, allowing us to sympathise with him and find in him a degree of likability - which is definitely necessary for some of the more heart-wrenching scenes of the novel.

Considering that it fills so many pages, this book is a beautiful read. I felt like it was over before I'd even fully begun it and all I was left with at the end was a satisfying sense of wholesome fulfilment - almost like finishing a meal at Baker... But in all seriousness, it read so smoothly that even those not too fond of a story longer than a couple of pages should find this novel enjoyable. Plus, it is broken up by little diagrams and even images at some points for those of you who really can't handle all those words...

Zusak really has created a wonderful book here. For anyone looking for an exciting and moving read this is truly the novel for you; it will have you staying up to the early hours desperate for more and will ultimately restore at least a part of your faith in humanity (despite its historical setting). The book may even leave a faintest trace of dampness on your cheeks - or, if you're anything like me, maybe a little more than a trace... Simply stated, you should all read "The Book Thief" - preferably before seeing the film. After all, what film, apart from its length, has ever been better than the book?

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Forgotten survivors: overlooked male trauma within rape culture

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Rape culture is misogynistic.

It mainly focuses on and reflects an attitude of hatred toward and mistreatment of women and women only. We have all heard countless stories of how "she wanted it," and "should've protected herself better," and read numerous stories of horrendous backlash that women, who bravely come forward, of-

As a student in a sexuality and literature class, I see little to no difference in the thoughts and beliefs toward women and sex today in comparison to the 18th century, despite women's advances in sexual freedom and acceptance.

Now, if I haven't turned you off yet, I want to first explain that sexual assault is something that I take extremely seriously and would never joke about. I have done

many awareness events and given speeches about rape culture, our patriarchal society and, most importantly, the devastating effects that such trauma causes.

Though there clearly needs to be more work done regarding consent, understanding what constitutes sexual assault and how to handle a survivor who comes forward, there is another side of the culture that I feel is rarely talked about: our attitudes toward rape and men. This is not in any way a general statement that applies to all attitudes surrounding this issue or all male survivors of this type

I am sharing my thoughts on this issue specifically based off of an article I recently read regarding a comment that musician Chris Brown made about losing his virginity at age eight to a girl who was 14 or 15. He acted as if it was a badge of honor because the experience 'prepped him to be the best at sex by the time he was of age,' so

More often than not, rape defi-

until Jan. of 2012, after 83 years without an update, that the FBI officially changed the definition of rape to acknowledge males as potential victims of this crime.

I know that since 1929, women have been convicted of raping men, but the fact that it took until last year for an official recognition of this possibility is disconcerting to me; however, it is not more disconcerting than the acceptance of this situation. I personally do not believe that a fourth grader can give proper consent or fully comprehend the actions of sex and its possible repercussions.

At the same time, my biggest concern is the fact that I myself have heard plenty of stories like Brown's, and it makes me question the idea of masculinity and patriarchy.

Going back to the sexuality and literature course, one book in particular has stood out to me: "Dangerous Liaisons." One of the author's comments was that men and women are held to different

nitions exclude men. It was not standards - I'd call you a liar if you told me that idea does not hold true today.

In the book's setting, the women, upon being married off, were to be virgins, submissive and ignorant of their sexuality. On the other hand, many of the men looked at sex as a game, a battle that must be conquered whether by surrender or by force; rape is really about power anyway.

Men were the educators and aggressors and women had to protect themselves or risk losing their reputation and being shunned by the community. Sound familiar three centuries later?

So, that led me to the question: if a man didn't have experience and couldn't teach his naïve lover, would that make him less of a man?

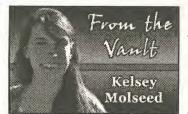
I'll admit that I'm guilty of playing into this hyper-masculine patriarchal idea because I'm experienced and I lose some interest in a guy if he is a virgin or cannot do x, y or z for me. Could that be because of preference or sheer stupidity on my part? Sure. But why does it seem that we tend to value a woman's virginity at a certain age and not hold men to a similar standard? Or focus on the slut-shaming or disdain a high body count for a woman, but not so much when a man has had many partners?

Again, this is not a universally true statement, but there are differences in male and female gender roles, ideologies and standards that we hold them to.

While women have made several advances, many strides are yet to be made. At the same time, I think we need to revisit perceptions of males and continue to update the idea of what a man is.

A man is not defined by his bedroom abilities; it is okay for him to have emotional feelings and be able to show them without feeling less manly or being teased about it. Most importantly, men too can be taken advantage of and raped ... and raped by women, for that matter. Regardless, none of these possibilities would make a man any less

Government shutdown then and now: the frustration continues



In the previous two Juniatian history columns, the articles from the vault hinted at changes over time. This time I would like to do something a little different by pointing out something that has, sadly, not changed. The following article is an editorial from 1990 discussing a government shutdown that also happened in October of that year.

Obviously, the exact events leading to the 1990 shutdown were not the same as those leading to the 2013 shutdown. What is the same is the frustration that Americans apparently felt at the time. Also, the broader reasons behind the shutdown: a fraction of a minority party deciding that it somehow represents a majority of the population in demanding its way or the highway. In 1990, it was one man (President Bush) against the Democratic majority in the House and the Senate. In 2013, it was one faction of the Republican Party (the Tea Party) against the Democratic majority in the Senate and the Oval Office.

When the House accepted the Senate proposition to reopen the government last week with virtually none of the concessions the Republican Party originally demanded, Speaker Boehner said, "We fought the good fight. We just didn't win." Should the good fight ever involve shutting down large portions of government programs and leaving thousands temporarily out of work?

Democracy is not intended to work this way. It didn't work in 1990, and it didn't work in 2013.

Editorial from October 11, 1990 (Spelling and grammar are taken exactly from the original article)

In the past few weeks, the editorial of the Juniatian has focused on campus issues. This week I'd like to turn to a national, political issue—the budget crisis.

For those who don't follow the news, the fiscal year 1991 started on Oct. 1 and the budget committee was to have a budget package ready to submit and be passed by this date. Due to a lot of politicking, they failed to do that. A resolution was submitted to the President to operate from last years budget until an agreement can be found. This resolution was vetoed by President Bush.

This debate however, goes deeper than party lines, deeper than Republicans versus Democrats. This debate is between a disorganized deeply in debt government and the people who are responsible for paying that debt.

The president favored the budget package submitted to Congress, and using the veto power is trying to force it to pass through congress, but this package was disliked by Republicans and Democrats alike. The President doesn't even have the backing of his own party. As one Senator said, "There's something bad in the budget package for everyone." Time is needed in order for a fair budget package to be written that both parties can agree upon. But President Bush has denied the American people the time and a fair budget package.

And now the pressure lies not only on Congress, but also on thousands of government workers. As a dependant of a civil servant, I'm afraid that my father might not get paid for a couple of weeks. Thanks to the deliberations of the Congress and the President, the federal government has been forced to shut down. National museums are closed as well as many government offices. Fortunately, my family will probably be able to survive a short-lived crisis; it might be rough, but we'll survive. As for the other government workers I'm not so sure it will be so easy.

The government has not only put itself in danger, but also it's employees, and the American people. A fair solution to this budget crisis might be found, but it must also be able to significantly lower the deficit and protect American citizens, the young and the old, through restoring social programs that have been dormant too long. The budget crisis may not be felt here in our cozy community, but it is real and it scares me to see the federal government shut down and endanger its own citizens. KLG



Are those complaints necessary? Stop talking and take action



What are you doing for dinner tonight, Baker again?" "Ugh, yeah, I'm so sick of that garbage they feed us! Wish they would get some

Sound familiar? If you haven't complained about Baker food at some point in time, you most likely have heard someone else do so.

Of course, Baker food is not five-star restaurant fare. But why would we expect it to be? It is a college dining hall, after all.

I have a theory that the reason people complain about the cafeteria food at Juniata, or any institution for that matter, doesn't actually have as much to do with the food as it has to do with the people complaining. To put it short and sweet, people need something to whine about.

Baker food isn't the only thing on the list of common Juniata complaints. "Man, that professor stinks,""I'm so broke," and, "I have way too much work!" are among some of the most often overheard complaints at Juniata.

My question is this: why do we complain so much?

"I complain because the food really is that bad, I hate my professors, I literally have no money in my wallet, and I'm so busy with schoolwork I never have time for any fun!" some might reply.

Of course, that response is really nothing more than a reiteration of the previous complaints. It does nothing to address the purpose, or lack thereof, of the

complaints themselves.

So what is the real purpose of complaining? Well, that depends. Sometimes, complaining is a way of directly venting a frustration. For example, you may have gotten a poor grade on your last exam, hence the complaint about your professor.

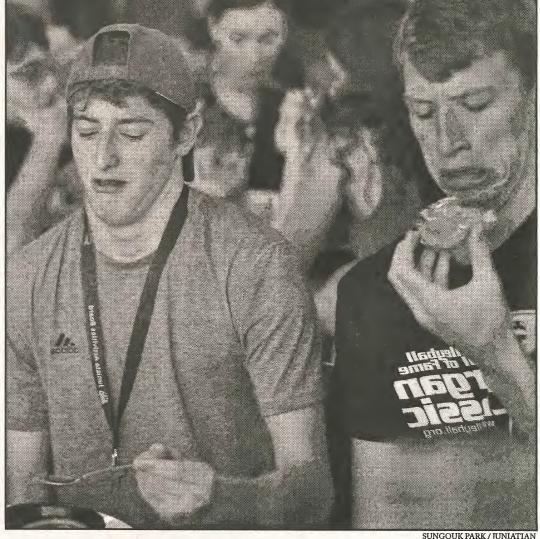
Or, the complaint may be completely unrelated to the frustration. You might, on the same day you get that bad grade back, give the meal at Baker such loathsome reviews that your friends mistake you for a professional food critic- despite your lack of expertise in anything other than shoving your face full of the same food you complain about!

Other times, complaining may seem to have no purpose at all; often that's because there really is no legitimate reason to complain. For instance, your roommate may complain all the time about being broke, even though he or she goes out to the bar three nights per week and keeps the fridges well stocked for parties on the weekends.

Generally, these complaints tend not to elicit sympathy for one of two reasons. If your roommate is complaining about being broke but buys a case of beer every weekend, the explanation is probably either that he is not actually all that poor or that he is poor because he spends so much money on booze, which is his own fault!

My argument is this: complaints in themselves are not inherently bad. They can be a good way to vent, and they can help make others aware of things to avoid, such as that sandwich that did not sit well in your stomach or the professor who seems to assign grades by throwing darts at a dartboard.

Without being placed in a con-



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structive context, however, complaints can create a very negative atmosphere and tend not to accomplish anything productive. Oftentimes, instead of complaining, there are many other useful things that could be done to address

For instance, complaining about Baker food probably won't accomplish anything. Submitting a recipe to Sodexo so they can try serving it at mealtime and potentially make it part of their normal fare has a much better chance of making a difference. Don't believe me? I'm serious- they claim they'll actually do this if you send them a recipe!

Whining about the grade you got on your exam will not improve your score. Discussing with your professor one-on-one where you went wrong and how to do better next time probably will.

Talking about how you're broke all the time will not, in fact, earn you any money or in any way make you less poor. Things that will make you less poor include getting another job and not spending all your money on alcohol!

It's okay to complain once in a while if you need to vent. However, if you want to change something, complaining probably won't get you far. In fact, you're much better off keeping your mouth shut and just doing something about it!

Unlocking the mystery within us: discover what you are made of



He has dark hair, dark eyes, big hands and a beautiful smile. I am certain that every time I see him, I smile. I wonder if he knows who I am. I wonder if he knows everything I know.

He must recognize me, Juniata is way too small; I am almost a my face at least once. I wonder if he not have type I diabetes, right? ever stood beside me in the pasta line ordering gluten free pasta. I wonder if he experienced weight loss, musculoskeletal pain, or suffered any growth problems when he was a kid.

Wait.

Maybe he doesn't know that his sporadic stomach pain might not be Baker's fault. Maybe he doesn't know that he could possibly have a mild form of celiac disease.

Although it could be difficult, he could eliminate gluten rich food from his diet and feel better within a few days. As explained by WebMD, the change in diet causes the small intestine to be completely healed within six months. His

pancreatic beta cells, however, will never be healed.

Men: they love to fool themselves. I hope he is not like my older brother, who believes that the growth spurt excuse for constantly being hungry can be used forever. I hope he understands that growth spurt combined with excess thirst and frequent urination are both symptoms of type I and type II diabetes.

Wait.

What if he did not develop juvenile diabetes when he was a little hundred percent sure he has seen heartbreaker? That means he does

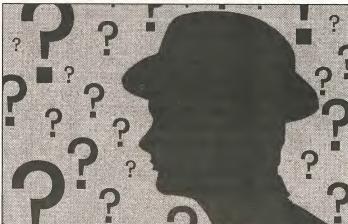
Wrong.

The name is deceiving. Although juvenile diabetes typically appears during childhood or adolescence, it can also develop in adults.

But if his body is as hot as his face, he is not obese. I also know he is not prone to being obese, so he must be type I diabetic, right?

Wrong.

Even if his body is as hot as his face, his chances of developing type II diabetes are much higher than average. Although those who are obese have a higher chance of developing non-insulin-dependent diabetes, there is such as thing as a lean, type II diabetic. His parents were most likely type II diabetics,



which could explain why his liver, (two alleles form a gene that codes muscle and fat cells might be insulin resistant.

According to the Joslin Diabetes Center, an affiliate of Harvard Medical School, those born to type II diabetic parents have a 45 percent higher chance of developing type II diabetes in their lifetime.

Does he worry that he could possibly pass that along to his kids? Does he even want kids? I would have his babies. As my research mentor used to say, "why can't it be this easy: I like you, you like me, let's make babies."

If we ever got to that point, however, we would have to use invitro fertilization.

We are both carriers of the allele

EMILY NYE / JUNIATIAN for a specific characteristic) for cystic fibrosis. That means there is a 25 percent chance that our kids will be born with this life-threatening disorder if we do not take the invitro fertilization route. Will he agree to that? Would his religious

values prompt him to frown upon

that decision? Is he even religious? I know a lot about him: his eye color, his hand size, his close and distant relatives, his propensity to be overweight, the exact distance between his eyes, the medications he is allergic to, his chances of developing lung cancer, prostate cancer, atrial fibrillation, Alzheimer's disease, Parkinson's disease... I even know the medical complica-

tions he could pass along to his kids. I know so much about him, but I have never formally met him.

Science fiction?

Genetic testing is today's reality. Companies such as 23&Me offer those who are willing to pay \$99 an opportunity to learn more about their DNA.

Positive: you can learn about medical complications that you can control or possibly prevent, such as celiac disease and cardiovascular disease linked to obesity.

Negative: you can find out that you are prone to diseases such as Parkinson's, where there is nothing you can do to prevent or decrease the likelihood of its development.

This scenario is partially the fruit of my own imagination; without your permission, I cannot send a single strand of your hair to 23&Me.

But the technology does exist, and there are things I can do without your permission. For example, the artist Heather Dewey-Hagborg can use your chewed gum or your cigarette butt to create a 3-D facial portrait of you.

Maybe I do see his dark hair, dark eyes and beautiful smile every day.

McKenzie passes 100-win milestone with women's soccer

By AAREN SELLERS

Women's soccer head coach Scott McKenzie has contributed to Juniata in numerous ways since he first began coaching soccer in 2000. McKenzie earned his 100th win with the women's soccer team on Oct. 1.

McKenzie's 100th win occurred in the middle of one of the team's best seasons. The Eagles currently have a 10-4 record, earning them a winning percentage of .714. McKenzie emphasizes the importance of his current and past players in this accomplishment.

"It's all about the student athletes, it's all about getting student athletes that are motivated and have a passion for the sport, who just want to play their hardest. I appreciate the fact that the 100th win has meaning of seniority, it does mean that you've been doing what you're doing for a long time and it does mean that you have a level of success," said McKenzie, "but I haven't scored a goal and I haven't made a save. It's the student athletes that have done all of these things, so the wins are shared. When it came out that it was the 100th win, I either texted or emailed every captain that I've had since I've been here and thanked them because that's what it's all about."

Athletes and coaches across campus see many qualities that have helped McKenzie be a successful coach.

"I think Scott is very thorough. He's a very good communicator and he really works to develop a relationship with the players," said Athletic Director Greg Curly.

"He's the type of coach who encourages you to work hard for yourself and for the team. He's very good at making you feel relaxed and he's very easy to talk to. He connects well with players and aims to make you feel comfortable. He's the type of coach that you want to work hard for," said senior forward Paula Pryor.

"He knows how to get things done and he knows how to get players to play the way he needs them to play. He's good at molding players into the system that we play in. He's driven and he doesn't let other people decide what should happen; he knows exactly what he needs to do and he tries to get us all to do the best that we can," said senior mid-fielder Alicia Snyder.

McKenzie's diversity has played an important role in guiding the team's success and he's made full commitment of the players pos-

"Coach McKenzie is a man of many personalities. He knows the appropriate times to be a coach and the times to lift the spirits of an academically and athletically worn out team," said soccer alumna Katie Keating.

McKenzie places a great deal of focus on respecting the game and executing the fundamentals. He aims to have his players do

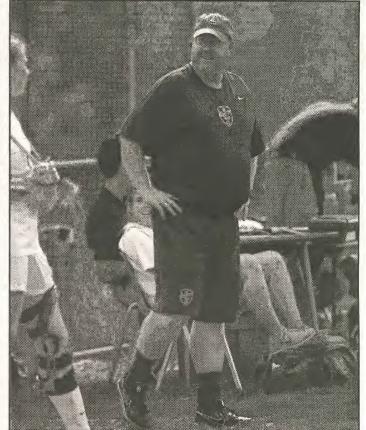
"There is a right way to play our game, as there is in any sport that pays respect to the way the game is supposed to be played. Then there's a way to take short cuts and get easy success by not respecting the game. My coaching style is all about respecting our game and surrounding myself with players that also want to show respect for the game," said McKenzie.

Coach McKenzie's responsibilities are not limited to the women's soccer program. He has been an active contributor to the Juniata community. In addition to his role as head coach of the women's soccer team, McKenzie has served as Juniata's NCAA compliance director and assistant athletic director. He is also a member of national committees for soccer.

"He's really the kind of guy that will take on anything and he's always looking for more to do. I think he's a guy that really believes in Juniata, believes in what we're about and has been here long enough to see it all through," said Curly.

McKenzie's determination to better the soccer programs at Juniata is shown by the many years of hard work he has put into insuring the success of the programs.

"When he came here he coached both men and women's soccer and we had good people in place, doing good things and I think that under his leadership the college was able to make a new commitment to both sports teams," said Curly. "With seven or eight more wins, Scott will have 200 wins between both men's and women's teams. That's quite an accomplishment and it's someone who stuck in there and worked hard and continues to have strong



JD CAVRICH / JUNIATA SPORTS INFORMATION

Head coach Scott McKenzie prepares to lead the women's soccer team. He is in his 13th year as head coach of the Eagles. His 102 wins are the most in program history.

ties in the community, as strong as anyone I've seen around here. We are just very fortunate to have him and I hope we have him for another 100 wins."

After reaching this accomplishment, McKenzie has no plans of slowing down. Planning for the success of future teams is right around the corner.

"If I could ask for anything as a reward for winning 100 games here at Juniata it would be to give this senior class an opportunity to compete for the conference championship. Where I want these seniors to go is to the Landmark women's soccer tournament. I want to see them prepare and compete for a conference championship. They've earned the right to play for a title and that's what I want. They deserve that opportunity," said McKenzie.

Football continues strong season after conference losses By Steph Pagliaro was longer this year, so we had sesses this season is their team Felus and junior kicker Ken Kysor. Launtz. "It's also allowed everyone

Despite their two recent losses, the football team is off to their best start since 2002 with a record of 4-2. The Eagles began their season with three wins in a row, two of them being conference games.

The key to this undefeated streak was simply hard work and dedication. "It was great to finally see the hard work come together essentially for three wins," said junior wide receiver Isaiah Slutter. "I think part of the success we had was that we all bought into the program. Everyone has a role and everyone is doing their job."

"At the beginning of the season we had a really good camp. Everyone just came together. Camp

more time to practice and come together," said senior captain Brandon Felus.

According to sophomore running back Deonte Alston, their success began during preseason with a poker chip. "It all started with Aug. 13 where we had a poker chip. Everyone on the team is associated with it."

The poker chip signifies each team member's commitment to the team. "You have to be all-in in order to be a part of the team," said Alston. "The poker chip is kind of like your word on the team saying you'll give everything you've got. Whether it's good or bad, you just got to keep pushing."

One strength the team pos-

mentality. "The thing this team does extremely well is caring for one another," said head coach Tim Launtz. "These guys trust one another, respect one another, they love one another and they play for one another. You can't ask for anything more as a coach."

"A strength we have is just being a team in general. I've heard a couple things from previous years where either the offense is pointing fingers or the defense is pointing fingers. But this year, we don't single anybody out. It's a team game," said Alston.

Multiple team members have earned individual honors to recognize their success so far this season. Among these players are Felus earned three awards in one week, including conference defensive player of the week, ECAC defensive player of the week and he was named to the weekly d3football.com team. He is also second in the conference in sacks. Kysor was awarded special teams player of the week.

After their confident start, the Eagles suffered two losses to the top teams in the conference: Franklin and Marshall and Johns Hopkins. These games posed a challenge for the team.

"We had some adversity. We need to find out again if our good enough is good enough, and we haven't done that in the last two football games," said Launtz.

Felus noted that the team may have lost their focus in these games. "We played the two teams at the top of our conference. I think people got a little jittery about that. We were kind of intimidated, so we got away from what we were doing and started focusing on what Johns Hopkins could do or what Franklin and Marshall could do."

However, the team's confidence level has not been affected by the losses. "I feel like we have the same confidence. I think it was more of a wake-up call. I feel like every team needs a wake-up call every now and then," said Slutter.

Their bye week, which followed their second loss, gave the team a chance to work on what they needed to. "Our bye week couldn't have come at a better time. It has allowed us to go back and revisit our alignments, our assignments and techniques," said

Launtz. "It's also allowed everyone to get back to playing one play at a time."

The team believes that they will be able to turn the season back around in the upcoming weeks. "We need to get back to understanding that its 10 percent what happens to us and 90 percent how we deal with it," said Launtz. "However the cards are dealt, we can deal with it. We'll move

"We need to get back to what we did at two-a-days. We have to get back to the basics, improve, and keep on winning games," said Alston.

At this point, the team has goals for the rest of the season. "Going 5-0 has to be the goal," said Slutter. "As long as we keep working hard and performing well, I feel like it's an accomplishable goal for us to have. Just hard work

and dedication.' Taking it step-by-step and focusing will be a key for the remainder of their season. "We're just going to take it one game at a time. We're going to focus on doing what we do for that game and playing to the best of our ability," said Felus. "We'll do that by practicing hard and winning the game throughout the week, rather than on Saturday.

On Oct. 19, the Eagles defeated previously undefeated Ursinus 28-7. This victory is a strong start to the second half of the season for the Eagles. The team's next game is on Oct. 26 when the Eagles will host Muhlenberg in their homecoming game.



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The Juniata football team takes the field before their game against Johns Hopkins University. The team currently holds a record of 4-2, their best start since 2002. The Eagles next game is on Oct. 26 when they will host Muhlenberg in their homecoming game.

Field hockey clinches playoff berth with 4-0 conference record

By Bobby Moodispaugh

The Juniata College field hockey team was picked to finish third in the Landmark conference in the preseason polls, and they are backing it up with a 4-0 conference record. The team currently holds an 8-8 record for the year.

"We are where we want to be in our conference schedule. We have learned a ton and I am excited to see how this team will develop and grow throughout the rest of the season," said head coach Caroline Gillich.

The team started off the year 3-0, but then hit a rough patch losing four straight games. "We need to continue taking care of the little things that end up making us successful. We need to remind them to go out there, have fun and work their butts off. I never said it would be easy, but it will be worth it," said

One of the team's biggest contributors is senior midfielder Emma Dahmus. "Being undefeated in the conference is a very good feat for this team because it proves we can come together and beat difficult teams, especially Scranton, who was undefeated before we played them," said Dahmus.

We knew how [Emma] would fit in. She is just a phenomenal talent that really elevates the level of our game," said Gillich.

"We all look up to Emma since she is our captain, but I look up to her personally because of her skills as a dribbler and her vision on the field," said sophomore midfielder Sarah Bilheimer.

Other upperclassmen are also stepping up and contributing on the field. "Playing her best hockey is Mikaela Sloan, who in the last couple games has been on fire and everything is clicking for her," said Gillich.

midfielder Junior Kortney Showers has elevated her game. Fellow junior Tori Buser has done an outstanding job defensively protecting the goalkeeper. That goalkeeper position has been a platoon between juniors Shelby Miller and Julianne Jones.

"From the first day of preseason, [Julianne and I] pushed each other so hard and showed our teammates that we are worthy of being in the pads," said Miller. "The main thing is having confidence in myself and in my teammates. They need to believe that their goalkeeper is going to back them up in the last line of

Gillich sees the younger players as one of the team's greatest strengths. "The sophomores already have a lot of playing time under their belt because they played as freshmen. They are the sophomores that know our language and know what we are trying to do out there and can actually go out there and do those things," said Gillich.

One of those experienced sophomores is Bilheimer. "Our passing game has gotten a lot better throughout the season and passing is what gives us the most success," said Bilheimer.

In addition, the team has had some freshmen come in and immediately contribute. "The freshmen coming in, Elise [Onjack], Kristen [Ostrzyzek] and Brittani [Lafollette] definitely helped bring up our level of talent," said Miller.

The team really comes together off the field as well as on the field. "It is always hard when freshmen come in to try and get to know us and feel comfortable, but this year, we have done a lot of team bonding to increase our chemistry and help us on the field," said Miller.

The chemistry of the team off the field helps them to be able to most importantly communicate during games. "The biggest thing that will improve our game is communication with each other, whether it is forceful communication, positive communication or just calling for directions of passes," said Dahmus.

With two more conference games left, the team has some tough tests ahead of them. "Although Drew only has one loss and Catholic is always a difficult game, I think the most important game is going to be Moravian. We lost to them last year when we definitely should not have. The way things will most likely play out, Moravian might be a deciding factor of whether or not we make it to the playoffs," said Dahmus. Juniata beat Moravian this past Saturday 2-1 to clinch a Landmark playoff berth.

"We need to make sure we are adjusting through each moment of the game as necessary. It is important to see what the opponent is trying to do and taking away. If they are taking something away, we just go somewhere else. When we find a solution, the team is not afraid to change gears and go with that solution," said Gillich.

The team needs to remain working as a unit to continue their success in the conference. "Sometimes, we end up working individually and that is when our game falls apart. We just need to continue staying together," said Bilheimer.

Gillich wants the team to remain centered on the games ahead. "[The team] needs to come out with focus, whether it is the week with no tests or the week with three. We want to remind them that this is the best part of their day. Right now is the time you need to dig deep."

The players have their eyes set on the Landmark playoffs after their strong conference start. "Our main goal right now is to win the conference. From here on out, we need to play each game as a team game and support one another," said Miller.

Intensity and experience to carry tennis through spring season

By CHRIS BEALL

After finishing fourth in the Landmark Conference last year, the men and women's tennis teams have continued their success in their fall season. The fall season included accomplishments by both individuals and the team as a whole.

Senior Elliott Perow is coming off a season last spring in which he earned the honors of Second Team All-Landmark Conference. Perow also stepped up this fall and earned Landmark Conference Player of the Week honors for his efforts during the fall season.

"I think the fall season went really well. We lost two guys last year but then we got a freshman that came in playing the number one spot. That shifts our lineup down and puts everyone in a more comfortable place to win," said Perow.

Sophomore Tori Gray is coming off a spring season in which she tied for the most wins on the entire team. She earned a 15-5 record in singles competition and went 14-8 in doubles. Gray also picked up Landmark Conference Player of the Week honors for her

play this fall. "The fall season went well. We had basically one match against Penn State Altoona and we won. Then we had two tournaments and our team did much better this year than we did last season. The team is meshing really well together already. The freshmen are nice and come in and we have come together. We haven't had any problems," said Gray.

Although the teams feel as though they are getting better, they do not believe their approach has changed. The way they do things is the same and they go about their business in the same way that they

have in the past. "I haven't seen any drastic changes from last year to this year. We have worked on strategy. That's kind of predicting how a point is going to play out. The only real new thing is that we have starting doing workouts during practice and adding more fitness. We work out with Coach Cohen in season

and work out with Coach Smith in the offseason," said Perow.

"He's not changing his coaching style but I think he is pushing us a little more. He really wants us to do better than we did last spring so he is pushing us," said Gray. "The only real difference is that every Thursday we have workouts as well as practice. We didn't do anything like that last season."

The team believes they will improve this year not because of any changes to their practices, but because they have more experienced players.

"Last year we had three freshmen in the starting lineup. We were a pretty young team. They are now more experienced going into this year. That experience definitely helps because tennis is a huge mental sport. We have been working on consistency and staying in the match. We try to work on not getting too ahead of ourselves and not falling behind either. We try to get in the other guy's head as well,"

"We are trying to be in better shape than we were last year. We want to up our performance. It seems like everyone hit this summer so we came in playing pretty well. We are trying to improve our-



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Senior Megan Phillips gives high-fives during the Oberlin Invitational where the women finished 12-6 in singles and 6-3 in doubles.

selves this fall so that in the spring we can just continue to improve. We all know how far we got last spring so we all want to strive to be better and get further. I want to play better than I did last year. I'm not looking to move up or anything but I want to be more confident in myself. This is our prime year so our goal is to win the conference," said Gray.

Senior Emma Dahmus is a

multi-sport athlete that plays field hockey in the fall and tennis in the spring. Though she has not been with the team for the fall season, she believes the team's growing intensity will lead them to success in their spring season.

"I know the coach has brought in a few good freshmen and added to the intensity of the team. The team got a taste of what Landmark playoffs are like and just the main thing that we want to improve on is executing and being able to win those matches that we should win. I think the work the team has done will improve our overall play. From what I have heard, they have been working pretty hard and doing pretty well," said Dahmus. "I think starting the season off with a higher level of fitness will improve our overall play."



The "Queen" Reacts to East Parties

Dear former Royal Subjects,

Since my arrival at Juniata College I have been constantly informed of a certain district of the campus residential housing called 'East'. From what my sources told me, this place is removed from the general campus area, meaning that on the weekend, students often flock there in order to socialise and relax, in a way which was depicted to me as similar to the friendly, polite and refined diner parties which I played host to in the United Kingdom.



Last evening, I was invited to one of these 'East Parties' and I can safely say that it will be the last time my feet will deign to cross that revolting threshold! Dinner party indeed! It was like walking into a room full of sexually active heathens! I was and am still left horrified that such behaviour is seen as socially acceptable and even enjoyable.

Upon first arriving in the United States, I was struck by the general goodwill and friend-liness to which I was spoken and addressed. These actions led me to believe that I had at least entered a country of kindness if not the polite dignity with which England upholds her people. Last night's experience placed all of this upon its head.

Stepping forth into the rooms in which the parties were held, my eyes were accosted by what you fellows believe to be 'dancing'. What I was witness to was not dancing by any

means, and I am personally distraught for you if you believe it to be so. Shaking one's bottom in a fashion which I hear has been dubbed 'twerking' is ridiculously embarrassing even to view and I find it absolutely incredible that some young ladies do not see just how unbecoming it truly is. Royalty would never condone behaviour which to all intents and purposes makes one appear to be advertising one's sexuality in a way reminiscent of those strumpets one hears of on street corners.

To make matters more deplorable, the rooms themselves were of such a disgusting condition that I would never so much as deign to invite one of those poor fellows without a lodging to stay the evening! To even attempt to depict the odors which attacked one's senses evokes a shudder upon my person. The perfuse use of scent which many of the guests had insisted upon, combined with the stench of perspi-

Thumbs



Thumbs down to the swimming pool ceiling breaking during practice. We can only dodge it 'asbestos' we can.



Thumbs up to whoever put tuna outside of doors in Lesher to resemble vomit and then chose to recycle the cans. Sustainability, yeah!



Thumbs down to the misleading ad that featured Common coming to campus. Disappointments like these are becoming all too Common.

ration and bad breath with the effect of almost butchering my senses and leaving me breathless.

If I thought the odors were bad enough, the noise was even worse! Oh my goodness gracious! I felt like my eardrums were going to explode! Why is it that young people these days insist upon having their music so loud? It is as if they are trying to hold a party for people closer to my golden age in life where hearing becomes slightly more wearing and difficult.

What I mean to say is, why does it need to be at such a volume? It really does make matters tricky when one is attempting to hold a discourse with another, and my, there was such a degree

of shouting and screaming my heart almost failed! With what speed and dexterity the moral and social inhibitions of a group of people can fall when there is a lack of lighting and no higher power to demand law, order and politeness!

As I made clear previously, such activities would certainly never be condoned in the United Kingdom under my reign. If it is the case that they do in fact occur, then I wish with all my heart that I shall never come into contact with any of those miscreants! 'Out of sight, out of mind' has never rung more true. I am abysmally astonished and those apartments across the stream shall remain only as a nightmare!

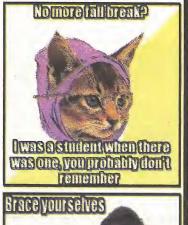
TOP 10: THINGS THAT YOU DID NOT SEE AT THE INAUGURATION

- 1. Troha falling asleep during the Concert Choir song
- 2. The actual SGA gift to Troha: a penis pump
- 3. Kanye West trying to get 30 minutes in before the end of the show
- 4. The 10-minute clarinet solo during the concert choir song
- 5. Troha's first draft of his inaugural address, written the night before
- 6. Troha tweeting during the intro
- 7. The concert choir's first idea to perform Fergie's "London Bridge"
- 8. The initial Flavor Flav clock-shaped Presidential Medallion
- 9. Spyro-like flags descending at the end of Troha's speech, sending Juniata into a military dictatorship-style rule
- 10. Anshu's sheer moment of terror when Troha threatened his graduation hopes

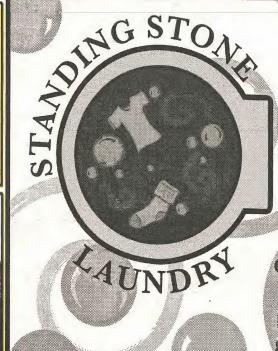


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Local elections decide school board members, judges

By ZACH LEMON

On Tuesday, Nov. 5, Huntingdon residents participated in municipal elections to vote for school board and borough council members. They also voted to retain judges at the local and state levels.

George Zanic was elected unopposed as judge to the Court of Common Pleas with 97 percent of the vote. Republican Vic Stabile won approximately 70 percent of Huntingdon's vote for the Superior Court position, although the statewide results are not yet known. The three borough council members who received the majority of the votes were Donna Isenberg, Jim Decker and David A. Quarry, with approximately 25 percent, 22 percent and 22 percent of the votes respectively.

Borough council members face infrastructure and budgetary challenges.



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Borough Councilwoman Joan Cassatt and Huntingdon Mayor Dee Dee Brown attended the municipal elections held Nov. 5 at the Salvation Army on Shadyside Avenue. Residents voted for local school board and borough council members.

"Employee insurance has just skyrocketed in the last few years for employees. We're presently trying to settle our non-uniform, which they always want more

money and we only have so much to give," said Scott Schaffer, former borough council member. Schaffer lost his seat on the borough council to a write-in

candidate on Tuesday.

Joan Cassatt, Huntingdon borough councilwoman, cited drainage issues as a specific problem in Huntingdon.

"We have a hard time finding funding for infrastructure for the borough," said Cassatt. "We just don't have the money to do everything we want to do and we don't have the manpower."

"This is called a municipal election. Traditionally very few people pay attention," said C. Arthur McClure, chairman of the Huntingdon Republican Committee.

McClure noted that Juniata College students are among those who typically do not vote.

"Out of the six wards in Huntingdon, only one ward is impacted by college students and the most we ever saw was three or four hundred voting," said McClure.

Juniata students vote in Huntingdon's 5th district, located at the Stone Church. This year, of 1,108 people registered to vote in the 5th district, only

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Master's program in NPI

By ABIGAIL ROSENBERGER

Beginning in January 2014, Juniata will offer a master's program in nonprofit leadership. The online program is the second master's degree offered at Juniata and aims to prepare both individuals with and without nonprofit experience to be successful in the many dimensions of nonprofit leadership.

Though development of the program was approved in 2008 by the board of trustees, planning officially began in 2011 when the college conducted a feasibility study that targeted local nonprofit organizations.

"We started by surveying nonprofit professionals in the local area to see what interest there would be for a master's program in nonprofit leadership and there was a lot of interest," said Abbey Baird, community service and service learning coordinator.

"The feasibility study was just to get a sense from those in the field about the kinds of needs for staff. I think that in many ways helped inform the conversation on campus about what is our capacity to meet those needs. If we were to design a curriculum, what would we want to have in it based on Juniata's strengths?" said Celia Cook-Huffman, W. Clay and Kathryn H. Burkholder Professor of Conflict Resolution.

A committee made up of Juniata professors from multiple departments as well as local business professionals decided the program's mission and requirements. The diversity of the committee members involved allowed for the construction of a program that will have courses taught by professors from the business, peace and conflict studies and communications departments.

"We do interdisciplinary very well at Juniata. I think there are a lot of nonprofit programs that are very much going to focus on what is different about the organizational structure between a nonprofit and a for-profit organization. We really wanted to look at a nonprofit program that included the leadership piece, the conflict change and social advocacy piece-things that, again, we do well here at Juniata," said Cook-Huffman.

As a part of its interdisciplinary approach, the program requires students to complete four core classes, four electives, a capstone and an internship or equivalent work experience in the nonprofit field.

"We don't want students to come and pay for a master's degree that's not going to benefit them," said Cook-Huffman. "Everybody that I talked to said that if you

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Juniata offers 'Passports' to retirees

By MATT ELIAS

The Passport to Juniata program offers Westminster Woods residents an opportunity to stay connected to the College by participating in campus events and auditing classes.

Westminster Woods is a retirement community located one mile from the College.

"Members of the Westminster Woods residence essentially can come to campus and take advantage of a lot of the cultural and educational activities that happen," said Darwin Kysor, director of career and community services. "They pay a fee once per year in order to participate. Some of the residents take advantage of a lot of things, [while] others do not. Anything from working out at the gym to [attending] the Juniata Presents events are very popular among the residents."

The Passport to Juniata program costs \$200 annually and provides members with complete access to campus facilities and events.

"There are a lot of people who are already connected to Juniata, who have been for years, and are trying to stay connected," said Kysor.

Juniata also allows residents to audit courses. Twelve members of the Passport to Juniata program currently audit classes. Although

they do not receive credit or grades for the courses, professors expect residents to be actively involved in class participation.

"We had an informal system before for people to audit, and what we have done is formalize the system which has proved to be helpful," said Jim Tuten, associate professor of history. "I think different faculty have different perspectives, goals and requirements when they have somebody audit. My view is that since they are not being graded, I want to hear the regular student's voice first."

"The students realize that when their professors are talking about life-long learning, these people are living life-long learning. That's the key factor that they're excited [about] and they want to continue to learn. They have a very different maturity and life experience behind them," said Kathy Jones, chair of the education department and associate professor of education.

"The residents really enjoy taking in what current students have to say and what their perspectives are and that's something that they find interesting. They live in an environment where they are not interacting with 20-year-old kids every day and I think they find that stimulating," said Tuten.

Dottie Hershberger, resident of Westminster Woods, has been auditing classes since 2008 and encourages other residents to become involved with the program.

"The whole idea of having folks from Westminster Woods is great. They're active, they're so bright and they have so much to offer, and what I saw in my class is how my students were reacting to Dottie," said Jones. "When she would speak they all would listen. They all wanted to know what she had to say about something. It's that life experience that we don't have yet and I'm in the middle of all that right now. With her 80+ years, she has a ton of life experiences to share."

"Juniata motivates me," said Hershberger. "I do anything to stay involved at Juniata because I've always been involved throughout the years. I like the fact that Juniata teaches us how to think and not what to think. I have become a strong person because of that and it's a passion that we have for Juniata. It's like a family."

"I take world literature with Dottie," said junior Justin Waldorf. "She's from Brooklyn and her family emigrated here from Ireland. In class she contributes stories about her life growing up in immigrant neighborhoods in New York City and offers viewpoints to college students that are insightful and thought-provoking."

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\$65,000 grant provides cultural immersion experience in Morocco

By KATHERINE TOBAR

The Juniata College World Languages Department has received a \$65,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Education's Fulbright-Hays Group Projects Abroad. Michael Henderson, associate professor of French and Kati Csoman, assistant dean of international programs, co-authored the grant.

The funds will be used for a four-week program in Morocco in July 2014. Juniata College professors and high school teachers from anywhere in the U.S. can apply to participate. Students working toward their teaching certification, particularly in social studies, can also apply.

"The application process will start next month. Basically they just need to contact either me or Kati Csoman for information about how to apply. The application process is very easy," said Henderson.

A group of 10 people will be selected to participate in this project abroad. Henderson and Csoman will occupy the first two spots as Juniata's official representatives.

"It will be most beneficial if these were language professors from Juniata College - in particular, those with French, Spanish or Arabic backgrounds and interested in teaching Arabic, primarily here at Juniata," said Michael Keating, director of corporation and foundation support. Currently, Arabic is not among the languages offered at Juniata.

"We would like to develop other languages on our campus and Arabic is one of the languages that the U.S. Department of Education is very interested in," said Keating.

Henderson and Csoman began the grant application in May with the help of the McQallister & Quinn Grant Writing Consulting Agency from Washington, D.C. Their proposed project for the grant is titled "North Africa: Memory, Conflict, Reconciliation and Renaissance."

"There will be intensive instruction and also some fieldtrips to important cities in Morocco," said Henderson. However, this 'intensive instruction' will not end when the trip to Morocco ends. Participants will be expected to bring what they have learned back to their classrooms.

"When they return there are several activities that happen from August through to February. They have to discuss and implement language instruction," said Keating.

The program has involved collaboration with The Ibn Ghazi Arabic Institute, which offers summer language and culture courses to students and professionals worldwide. The institute's director, a 2006 Juniata graduate named Fouad Touzani, still has a strong relationship with Juniata.

"So we were working through alumni to try to establish and exchange with the university in Morocco. That didn't work out unfortunately, but I didn't want Morocco to just disappear from our international initiative just because we couldn't work out an exchange," said Henderson.

The representatives will go through intensive instruction in Arabic at the The Ibn Ghazi Arabic Institute in Fez, the third-largest city in Morocco. They will also learn about North African culture through excursions to Meknes, Rabat, Volubilis, the Atlas Mountains and other historical sites.

"The idea is to provide instruction about the history of North Africa, the history of Islam in every day life and the Arabic language," said Henderson. In coincidental accordance with the cultural aspects of the program, the trip will take place during Ramadan.

"The outcomes that we're hoping for are collaborative projects between high school teachers and college teachers to develop courses in Arabic or Arabic Studies," said Henderson.

"I think North Africa has become an extremely important political part of the world right now, but there is little understanding right now about that part for the U.S. This is a wonderful opportunity to increase the understanding of that area," said Henderson.

"Our relationships with Muslim countries...are very important for us as a country. We have to learn more about those places. We don't often have the chance to send our students to those countries. Whatever we can do to help this college and to help the local area, to help the high schools to learn about this part of the world, is so important," said Csoman.

New \$200 program gives full access to Westminster Woods residents

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happening and how other people are thinking and it's fun to have a new childhood almost. Only we, as seniors, can make that happen," said Hershberger. "It's just great to relate to the students, to find out their lingo. This is a real outlet for me to enrich my life, in a way that I don't know that anything else would."

Sylvia Stack, a resident of Westminster Woods, is currently enrolled in introduction to geology. Stack has 21 years of experience working with DuPont in the molecular biology department.

"My occupation was [in the fields of] biotechnology and chemistry, so it's such a joy taking a course I know I can make it all the way through," said Stack. "T've travelled a lot and I can't wait to go out and look at more rocks. Being in class with younger students puts things in perspective;



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Through the Passport to Juniata program, Westminster Woods residents have access to all campus facilities, Juniata Presents events and classes for a yearly fee of \$200. Twelve residents from the Huntingdon retirement community currently audit classes.

it makes you realize how much you learn through age. Learning doesn't have to come out of a book."

The Passport to Juniata Program is mutually beneficial as the residents share their stories and anecdotes with students in class.

"It's beneficial because they have

real life experience in the workplace. They can give real life examples and they think more logically in certain situations because they've experienced something similar in the real world," said senior Chris Bair.

"Any resident of Westminster

Woods who aspires to continue their education is admirable," said sophomore Matthew Kinnebrew. "These residents who audit classes prove that learning never ends, whether the learning takes place in a classroom or not."

"I honestly don't perceive any

negatives in regard to the program," said Kysor. "It keeps the resident's minds active, their bodies active and it adds to the student's experience in class. Overall, I'm pleased with the relationship have established Westminster Woods.'

Interdisciplinary nonprofit leadership degree to be offered on the web

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haven't worked in the nonprofit field, the course work is not going to make sense."

The skills and knowledge offered by the nonprofit leadership master's program are becoming increasingly necessary due to a change in the number of nonprofit organizations and the ways they function and relate to the public.

"The U.S. is pretty unique because we have that large nonprofit sector that covers a lot of the social services and social welfare that in some countries are covered by the government. I think it's important because without that we'd have a lot of services not covered and a lot of needs not covered," said Baird.

"It's certainly a growing sector in the U.S., both in the number of nonprofits as well as the kind of money, both in terms of philanthropy as well as their models of giving," Cook-Huffman.

"More organizations are looking to hire people who can make sure that the money they raise is

going to fix the problem or make the change they are trying to make, even if it means paying a little more to get trained employees," said freshman Lydia Warters, an international studies POE.

The combination of the increasing number of nonprofit organizations and the outward interest Iuniata students have in working for nonprofits and advocating social change was part of the reason the program was chosen as one of Juniata's first master's programs.

"The nonprofit leadership program was really born out of a larger conversation about trying to harness what it is that Juniata really does well and is good at in its roots, its roots as a Brethren college are in peace and conflict studies and are in serving ... underserved populations of people," said Sarah Worley, assistant professor of communications.

"We have a fair number of students that are interested in the intersection of public work and service, vocation and avocation, in terms of how they think about what they want to do with their lives," said Cook-Huffman.

"Nonprofit work does things in a way that touches humanity in a way no other work really does," said junior Mike Ebeling, who is currently designing an individualized POE in the social sciences and humanities. "[The program] is definitely something I will consider"

Due to student interest and Juniata's desire to remain focused on its undergraduates, there is the potential for students working toward their bachelor's degrees to take courses in the nonprofit leadership master's program.

"That was a very important piece of our conversation- it had to have some benefit to our undergraduate students as well because that is really our first and foremost priority," said Worley. "Our intention was the hope that our students, by learning alongside of potentially practitioners who have been working in the field for five, 10, 15 years, would benefit from having an opportunity to interact with those people."

"I think that there will probably

be some potential for students to take the master's level courses," said Cook-Huffman.

"I think a program in nonprofit leadership could be very helpful to me just so that I could learn the skills necessary to work in the field and get the chance to meet other people who are also interested in rking with nonprofits," said Warters. "Having a good education specifically focused on nonprofit leadership would likely be helpful when I actually go out into the field looking for employment."

Cook-Huffman hopes to expand the program to include traditional classroom courses as an option for those pursuing a master's in nonprofit leadership or students who are interested in taking those courses during their undergraduate careers.

"I think we imagine that as it grows there is the potential for summer intensives; for folks to spend some amount of time in a face to face context on campus. There may be particular courses that require face-to-face contact on campus," said Cook-Huffman.

By going through this program, professors hope students will feel prepared to lead their organizations successfully across all dimensions of nonprofit work.

"I think we hope that the folks who come from organizations leave with this master's degree feeling as though they're equipped, they have tools, they feel prepared to lead their organizations toward not just the cause, but in terms of fiscal management, in terms of management of people and resources, that this program is valuable to their ability to do that well," said Worley.

"For people who are interested in starting their own nonprofit[s], the program enhances their ability to be successful, knowing what they're getting into and having the skill set to be successful," said Cook-Huffman. "That extra credential also gives students an asset when they're out on the job market."

For more information on the nonprofit leadership master's program, students can visit www.juniata.edu/npl.

Juniata takes measures to cut the waste with pulper, TerraCycle

By ERIN GAINES

Sodexo and the Environmental Coalition have sought to make improvements to Juniata College's sustainability. Recent progress in waste management has offered economic and environmental benefits for the campus.

Four years ago, Sodexo at Juniata College was a part of a test group for a Value Waste system. Before any food waste is thrown away, Sodexo staff weighs it on a scale, allowing the staff to determine what quantities of foods are being wasted. Their goal is to analyze reasons for high waste periods.

"After the trial period, we bought the system and we've been using it since," said Patrick Goodman, an executive chef for Sodexo. Food waste per month has decreased by nearly \$1,000 since 2010. In the past year, consumer waste has been reduced by 73 percent. The decrease was about 21 tons, according to the LeanPath waste data update.

Along with the renovations to Baker Refectory in the summer, Juniata also installed a pulper system. The system is modeled after Dickinson College's compost system. All food waste is processed to remove most of the water. The pulverized food, or pulp, is then used on Juniata's organic farm for compost.

Some products, like the plastic wrapped saltines, were removed from Baker after renovations. "Anything non-biodegradable can't go through the pulper," said executive chef Matt Yoder. "Litter and contamination can't get into the compost."



Along with Baker Refectory renovations, Juniata purchased a pulper to remove water from food waste to use as compost. In the past year, consumer waste has been decreased by 21 tons due to the efforts of Sodexo and the administration,

eco-clamshell project this academic year. The program allows students to purchase a reusable clamshell for use in Eagle's Landing. When they finish, students may return the dirty ones and receive a token. At the next meal, students may present the token to use another eco-clamshell.

Five years ago, Sodexo corporate began a campaign to limit the amount of plastic waste. "It was available to anybody and Hal [Mclaughlin], the general manager, saw the flyer and we purchased some along with cups," said Goodman. "It was like a deal; you got the eco-friendly cups and the clamshells."

The re-introduction of eco-Sodexo has also continued their clamshells started when Yoder began his career at Juniata. "We're working with the environmental coalition, to market it more and get more students involved," said Yoder.

Since then, the Environmental Coalition club has started a collection of plastic clamshells for a display on waste. "We wanted to raise awareness to the students about how many plastic to-go containers are wasted," said senior Emily Harakal, co-president of the Environmental Coalition. "One estimate from Sodexo was over a thousand are used in a week."

Some members of the club dug through the trash to collect used to-go containers. The plastic will be used to create a display of what is considered garbage. "We can't recycle them here, we don't recycle number six and that's what they are," said Harakal. "We wasted a lot of plastic and a lot goes to the landfill."

In addition to the eco-clamshell project, the Environmental Coalition has taken over the TerraCycle program. Recycling bins collect paper, plastic, glass and aluminum, and everything else is thrown into the garbage. The TerraCycle program offers a way to turn normal non-recyclable waste into upcycled and recycled products.

"We put more boxes around in dorms and put signs up of what we'd like to collect and we're hoping that students will get used to it and once they are done with certain items they will put them in the

bins so we can continue with this," said Harakal.

The Community Service Office spearheaded the start of the TerraCycle program on campus. "TerraCycle is a program that we came across when we were coming up with ideas for what to do for the inaugural week of service for the new president," said junior Clare Lewis, Juniata Associate in the Community Service Office.

Originally a part of inaugural week, the Environmental Coalition plans to extend the project. "If it's something that's effective and that works, then we'll want to keep it and get more for however long," said Harakal.

The program is both a fundraiser and a promotion for becoming more eco-friendly. "We can pick a charity of our choice and also we can make it a long-term sustainability thing at the college," said Lewis. "It's beneficial all around."

Although the programs have not completely taken off yet, it could still be a success. The impact of sustainability takes time and consistency. "There's students, homecoming shows up, homecoming happens, there's all these things that make it difficult to have consistency," said Dr. Neil Pelkey, associate professor of environmental science and studies.

"I think it's just a time thing," said Goodman. "They say Rome wasn't built in a day, and neither was this system."

"Sometimes people think about sustainability as what you do here," said Pelkey. "Juniata sends so many people out to do so many things so many places that if you just look here, you might miss out on that."

Student-voter turnout rate markedly low in Huntingdon's 5th district

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146 residents showed up at the polls.

Schaffer also mentioned that turnout for local elections are typically low, especially amongst college students.

"Right now the only time we have contact with the College is if they have a project going on - like right now we're working on one with the new dorm. We want to make sure we get the crosswalk in there for the safety of the students," said Schaffer.

"I feel that we are a college town. We want to hear what they have to say also because we have to work hand in hand with the college and with the students, so I'm glad to see if they exercise their right to vote. I feel that that's their responsibility to do so," said Schaffer.

Cassatt, though not up for reelection this past Tuesday, campaigned for Democrat Scott Schaffer, Republican David Quarry and Ron Enyerdt, the owner of Johnny's Bar. She said that she does not support candidates based on party identities, rather, she votes based on the individuals.

"I am totally unbiased. I vote for the person I think will do the best job," said Cassatt.

Dee Dee Brown, mayor of Huntingdon, came to the 6th district to campaign for councilmen and councilwomen.

"Today I've been going from poll to poll, trying to meet the people that are out there and trying to meet the people that are voting. And of course, as you know, the voting is down low," said Brown.

"I have people helping me get the word out to vote for me and I feel that if you speak your mind and you're looking out for people, that's what you need. A lot of this is word of mouth,"

Judges are selected differently from state or local legislators. After ten years, a judgeship becomes open unless the people under the judges' jurisdiction vote to retain the judge. If they refuse, the election occurs in the spring. A Superior Court judgeship is also up for an election this fall.

"That's really the only statewide race going on this election cycle, but it's an important race because basically [for] any criminal case that's tried in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, so any case that's tried at the Huntingdon Court House, its direct appeal is this statewide court," said senior Derrick Magnotta, president emeritus of the Pennsylvania College Democrats and president of the Juniata College Democrats. Magnotta also said that municipal elections are even more important to students.

"Municipal judgeships probably touch students' lives more because they set the attitude for law enforcement in the County of Huntingdon," said Magnotta.

"If you don't vote in this area, please vote," said Brown.

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Local residents, students gaze upon the stars at observatory nights

By Spencer VanHoose

Dr. Matthew Beaky, assistant professor of physics, has opened the observatory to the public. With the aid of the Stargazers, Juniata's new astronomy club, students and residents of Huntingdon can now experience the wonders of the

"Observatory nights are opportunities for the College community or Huntingdon community to come to the observatory and look through the telescope at different celestial objects," said Beaky. "We're holding them several times per semester. I hope to continue them next year as well and just make it a regular feature."

Beaky plans to hold six observatory nights this semester, which amounts to about one every three weeks.

"From 8:00 to 10:00 p.m. we open the observatory. We let groups of about 10 or so into the observatory to walk around, see and use the telescope to look at objects, constellations and what not," said sophomore Jacob Malloy, president of the Stargazers.

The club helps to keep people entertained while they are waiting to use the observatory.

"Some of us sit outside and we'll have star maps or binoculars and we'll point out different constellations to people as they wait outside for their turn. That's really our job right now," said freshman Jared Browning, treasurer of the Stargazers.

Though Beaky is currently leading the observatory nights, he hopes that the club will eventually be taking over.

"The way it generally works is I'll be controlling the telescope or, in the future hopefully, one of the club members will be doing that," said Beaky. "After some training and some familiarity of the telescope, I'd like it to be a studentrun event."

"The observatory is this really valuable college asset that has been underutilized in the past. It's a beautiful telescope and a beautiful observatory which is in its 25th anniversary now,"

Opening the observatory to the community gives everyone the chance to experience the night sky.

"I think the people in the community of Huntingdon are just as curious about the observatory and astronomy and what's in the sky. People in the town have children they bring along and it can be a very special event for children too," said Beaky.

Attendees often bring with them many questions about the observatory and its use.

"It has been used primarily for the last couple years for student astronomy research and we also use it in conjunction with the introduction to astronomy class that is taught in the fall," said Beaky.

The summer is most often when the observatory is used.

"We use it almost every night in the summer that it is clear," said Beaky. "During the school year, there is less opportunity for students to work in the observatory all night long because, of course, they have classes to worry about."

However, the observatory is kept locked for safety reasons.

"It's an instrument that takes a little bit of training and understanding how it works. There's a few things to worry about for safety and mostly how to take care of the instrument, and I want to make sure that whoever is using it is trained on it a couple of nights before they use it," said Beaky.

Though the club is brand new, it already has many plans and goals for the future.

Freshman Wayne Hydak uses the observatory's telescope to view celestial objects at one of the observatory nights hosted by the new Stargazers Club.

"One of their main goals is to learn how to use the telescope, learn about the night sky, learn the constellations and things like that," said Beaky.

"Another goal we have is to take occasional trips. One we have planned for this year is to visit the NASA Space and Air Museum in Washington, D.C., probably in the spring semester," said Beaky.

"We plan on observing meteor showers, [taking] camping trips, doing debates and [holding] movie nights related to astronomy," said junior Alexander Hansen, vice president of the Stargazers.

"The club serves a couple functions: it kind of provides a forum for people that are interested in astronomy to use the telescope, and it also provides an educational opportunity for people that don't necessarily know that much about astronomy but find it very interesting," said Malloy.

"People should definitely join the astronomy club. It's a great learning experience and also a great experience to see the wonders of the stars and the sky," said Browning.

Four newly appointed trustees bring expertise behind the scenes

By Nick Stoliaroff

Dr. Gary Raymond, Nathan Hevonry, Nicole Close '92 and Dr. George Valko '75 were appointed to the board of trustees at the start of the 2013-14 academic year, serving both the board and the Huntingdon community in the process.

"From my understanding, [a trustee] needs to be someone who believes in the mission of the College, especially for an alumni trustee, (and) be involved with the College and the students. They have to be philanthropic, giving back to the community overall and they have to give back to Juniata as well," said Close.

"The board of trustees itself has a few very clear responsibilities," said Gabriel Welsch, vice president of advancement and marketing, "to set and ensure the mission of the College is followed. The ultimate authority resides with them to set the mission of the College.'

Potential members must go through a nomination and interview process before being elected

"I was nominated by someone anonymous. After being interviewed by the former president and other administration officials, I was asked to submit my CV," said Valko. "This all went before the committee on trustees and then to the full board for approval."

"You are nominated by the current board and they look for people who meet the qualifications. You are nominated and then those nominations are interviewed by the College," said Close. "My interview was conducted by Gabe Welsch who came down to Maryland ... to let me know I was nominated and to interview me. Then that information goes back to the entire board and then they vote on

who will be elected to the board educational activities, administraof trustees."

Not all trustees are alumni of the College. "There are people that brought specific expertise and roles to the College that were not available through the alumni assets that we knew at the time,"

"I had a phone call at one point from Gabe Welsch, and he asked me if I would join the board and bring those different perspectives to an already diverse board," said Raymond.

Board members must serve on committees throughout their terms as trustees.

"When you are on the board of trustees there are different committees that you serve on that range anywhere from looking at administrative type items of the College, looking at different issues that are relevant to the College like online learning, self-study, related

tive items and plans forwarded by the president," said Close.

"I feel like the trustees don't have very much interaction with the students, so I don't really know what their job is," said senior Aaron Womer.

"We are not the administration in that we do not do the day-today running of the university - the president and his team do that,"

"They do not have a role in management or planning and operations. Their role is to simply oversee," said Welsch.

Members on the board vary in age, gender, location and occupation.

"It's such an eclectic board. When I looked around and saw the intelligence in the room and the passion for the Juniata community in the room, it was quite humbling," said Raymond.

"As far as I know they are sucpeople who graduated Juniata," said Robert Dellamotta.

"I like giving back but this was a way for me to learn more so I can advance myself in that learning process and give back to the College at the same time," said Close.

"I know a little bit, but I would like to know more about Nicole Close. She's incredibly talented and she's unique in a bunch of ways, [such as] the fact that she's a statistician, business owner and research scientist. Those are male dominant professions, and trustees, also men," said senior Colin Brislawn. "It's very much an old card type thing. I imagine it's going to modernize more."

Not only are trustees interested in the advancement of the College but the development of the student body as well.

"I believe in Juniata. It gave me the education, in the broadest sense, to be successful both in my career and as an individual," said Valko. "I want to give back even more to the current and future students, whom I would match with any of our Ivy League colleagues."

"The trustee responsibility is to basically make certain that the students who attend Juniata are getting the most out of their education in the most cost-effective manner," said Raymond. "I guess the synopsis of that would be get a great education, have personal growth, develop a wonderful value system (hopefully that they brought to Juniata and built upon), give back to the community, both in terms of community service and the environment itself and to prepare them to make the world a better place once they graduate Juniata."



Personable professors at Juniata provide range of help, support



There are many wonderful things about Juniata, but I would argue that one of the best features of our school is its collection of committed professors. Here at Juniata, the professors really get to know you. In my last 3 and a half years of school I have come to realize that this statement is not simply a line you might read off the website, but is also quite plainly a fact.

The fact the professors here actually take the time to get to know you is something I know many of you have found out, some of you even though you are Freshman who have only been here for a few

jor, can be incredibly valuable to a student as well as being potentially interesting and entertaining. The professors can offer students such a of study that students would be remiss not to take advantage of.

Not only that, but your professors can also help you benefit from their experience in things like considering job prospects in your field or whether you should to go to grad school. If you need to go to grad school for your major your professors will have had to you graduate. This shows that the as well and can tell you what they know about picking a school and the application process from their past experience. They can also tell you how to avoid any mistakes they may have made when they went through the process.

Your professors can also help make you aware of possible career months. Getting to know your existed. One of the clear advan- ence, but also because it gives stu-

you can form with your professor as the years go on is that, as they get to know you better this helps them to give you even more diwealth of information in their field rected and useful advice for your particular situation.

In addition, the vast majority of professors here are very friendly, and happy to meet and befriend their students. As time passes if you make an effort to get to know your professors you'll likely have met their kids or been to dinner professors at Juniata really attempt to form a bond with their students and get to know and appreciate them for the unique individuals that they are.

I believe that the relationship students can form with their professors here helps students, not only to gain a wealth of knowledge and paths you might not have known benefit from their years of experi-

professors, especially in your ma- tages of the personal relationship dents the chance to exercise some valuable life skills. A recent example of this for me came a few weeks ago when I realized that the next week I needed to give a 20-minute presentation for my capstone class the day after an exam and a 10-page paper I had in two other classes. I knew that I would not be able to put as much effort as I should and wanted to into my presentation if I had to give it the day after I had two other major assignments.

With this in mind, I asked my at their house at least once before capstone professor, Phil Dunwoody, if it would be possible to move my presentation to the next class period, explaining that I did not feel I would be able to properly prepare because of the circumstances. Professor Dunwoody was nice enough to move my presentation date, I assume this was partially because he appreciated the difficulty of the situation I was in and partially because he realized that I was trying to be responsible and and then!

proactively plan ahead to ensure I did as well as I could. Had I not gotten to know professor Dunwoody well over the last few years I doubt that I would have been as likely or willing to ask him to move the due date of a major assignment.

Listed above are just a few of the ways in which our professors at Juniata can offer us help and guidance if we make an effort to get to know them. Students would do well to take advantage of the valuable knowledge they have available

Finally, I just want to encourage every student to make sure you let your professors know how much you appreciate the interest theytake in you and all the helpful advice and guidance they offer. Our professors are invaluable to us, and instrumental in ensuring that we get the good quality of education we have come to expect, the least we can do is say thank you now

Are the digital trails we leave behind on the web actually private?

The freedom, convenience and opportunities of the Internet make it unlike any communication medium in human history. No other invention has revolutionized human interaction in such a short period - compare the Internet of 1998, when Google was taking its first halting steps to that of today. From lethargic dial-up to light-fast fiber optics, from clunky workstations to having the Internet changed the very ways in which we communicate.

As the generation that came of age with the Internet, we have an with it. But can that go too far? Familiarity can lead to complacency, and the internet is no different. In

information you post online, from user data. email messages to Facebook phorecently with reports of government intrusions, and I'll come back the full extent of government ef-

For example, take the ads displayed at the side of your Gmail has extended tendrils into nearly what to show you? In their words, "[These ads are] based on emails from your mailbox and information from your Google account." In other words, Google reads NSA taps on the links between in your pocket, the Internet has your emails, combines it with the Google and Yahoo data centers, "user profile" created through your search history and other Google-related activities, and attempts to display the most relevant elations can be summed up as folinherent familiarity and comfort ads. All completely legal under lows - if you put it online, and you their Terms of Service, and they don't know for sure that you're in make no secret of it. Facebook is another guilty party, with a long ernment has access in some form to this case, complacency regarding history of complaints about imwho exactly has access to all the properly secured and overly-shared

While the concerns about pritos. While the news has been filled vate companies have been around for years, it was only recently that to that, private corporations are no forts has been revealed. The US spearheaded government, the NSA and similar agencies, inbox. How does Google know every form of communication, from cell phones to emails and beyond. The full extent of government infiltration yet to be revealed - just recently news came out about with more disclosures promised on the horizon.

The ultimate result of the reva secure forum, it's likely the govit. What does that mean for most people? Admittedly not much in

the short run - the sheer volume of data means that the government isn't likely to go through its records to hunt down petty crimes. What it does mean is that you have an ever-growing digital profile deep within the NSA databanks, a constantly evolving digital trail that tracks much of what you say, see and do online.

What can you do to protect your privacy? There are two approaches protecting yourself, and seeking change. For the former, there are a few choices: cryptography has been your information will be essential. making a comeback, with options available for secure email, chat, and other applications. Otherwise, simple common sense about what data you choose to share online goes a

The latter approach seeks to change the behavior of the actors infringing on privacy. This could be anything from writing or calling your representative to

avoiding using services, such as Facebook, known to play fast and loose with user data. Many companies allow the user to tighten their data privacy settings, but the means to do so are obfuscated or hidden, and the vast majority of users never bother to find out how. As college students, learning basic digital privacy awareness is an important skill that is all too often overlooked and ignored. As more and more data is pushed into the cloud, being able to protect yourself and

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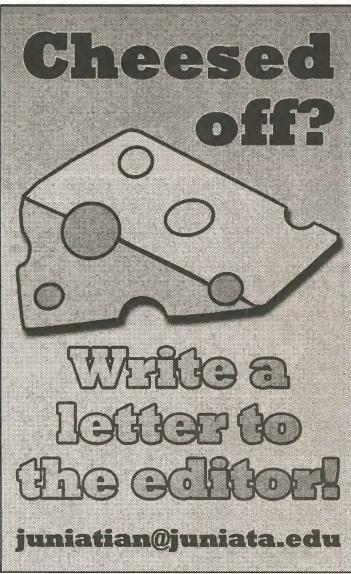
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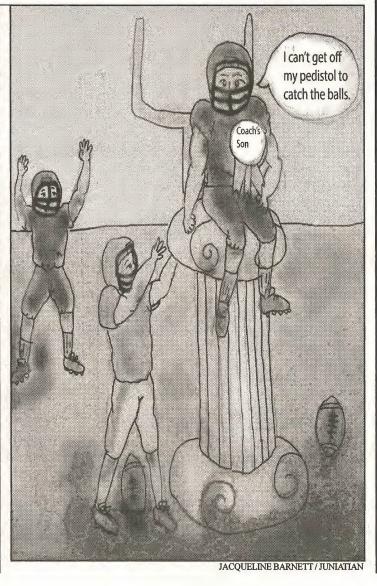
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Ignore others' expectations and follow your heart to happiness



For many Juniata students, the four years spent in college are a time of self-discovery. There are opportunities to take classes from a wide range of disciplines, in addition to a large number of clubs and extra-curricular activities to keep students active and involved.

These opportunities allow college students to explore new interests and pursue long-standing passions at the next level. Some students quickly find their passions, both in coursework and in extracurricular activities.

For others, though, it is easy to go through the motions of college life without ever questioning what really matters to them. Some students reach the end of their college career without knowing who they are or who they want to be

as they head into the next stage of math. She has always been great at their lives.

Students who volunteer would be one example. Say that Jane Doe and John Smith both volunteer at the local soup kitchen every week. John is gung-ho about his volunteering. He likes to help people and when he volunteers, he is genuinely happy with life. It's rare to find John without a smile on

When Jane volunteers, she always keeps a smile on her face as well. But even though she seems happy, Jane is more often than not distracted and stressed. She gets her hours in, but sometimes she wishes she were anywhere else in

Both John and Jane are committed to helping people. But for Jane, volunteering for the soup kitchen just does not feel like the right use of her time. Everyone tells her what a great person she is for volunteering, though, and she feels that in order to help people she has to keep it up.

The problem is Jane really likes

it, and she wants to learn as much about it as she can. But she also really wants to help others and she just cannot figure out how math can have any lasting impact on those in need.

So instead of studying math, she is studying social work. It is not something she is passionate about, but it is the best way she can think of to help people, which matters to her the most.

Jane is a perfect example of someone who goes through the motions of life without stopping to think about why she does what she does. She knows that she wants to help people, but she never stops to realize that the reason all her volunteering holds so little meaning for her could be because volunteering and social work are the ways that other people have told her she should help others.

If she had taken the time to think a little more about what is meaningful to her personally, she might have found ways to volunteer and help others while still pur-

suing her passion in math.

Maybe the right way for Jane to combine her passions looks less like volunteering at a soup kitchen and more like tutoring students in after school programs, and studying to become a math teacher instead of a social worker. But without taking a little time for self-discovery, there is a good chance Jane will keep unhappily going through the motions without ever figuring out what works best for her.

Another example of someone still discovering themselves might be the guy who is out drinking with his friends on weekends because he really values friendship and camaraderie, even though a lot of his friends drink way too much

and he never really has a good time.

He would rather have a milkshake and a good conversation, but his friends all go to the bar so he ends up going too. What he might not realize is that there are people who like to have a good time without getting wasted, and that by hanging out with those guys instead, he will still be able to enjoy good friendship without having a bad hangover.

Often, people fall into patterns because they listen to the expectations others have for them. However, not everyone fits the same mold. Overlooking your own gifts or talents in order to be what people expect of you does no one

any good.

So find what is important to you, and do not be afraid to use your own unique abilities to accomplish your goals. Chances are you will be happier and much more satisfied with life, and if you can leave college with a sense of personal satisfaction, your tuition money will have been

Discovering your differences on Juniata's "diverse" campus



Juniata loves to push the idea that it is diverse. We have people of different ethnicities, cultures, socioeconomic class, regions, age and even personalities. However, I think Juniata needs to embrace the fact that this diversity has, in my opinion, exposed this campus'ignorance.

The word ignorance traditionally has a negative connotation, but I don't think it has to be used offensively.

Ignorance really just means that you're unaware.

There is no fault in not having been exposed to certain things, despite the plethora of books and media available. I have openly said I was ignorant about certain cultural aspects, such as hunting, when I came to Juniata, but I don't strictly identify people by that type of broad characteristic.

I thank Juniata because the ignorance of my peers has helped me to be the person that I am today. It has taught me patience and helped me uncover my current passion, social justice, which I never knew I had before coming to this school.

Before attending this institution, I knew my complexion was of a darker variety and my hair was a little different, but I was never "aware" of my variances. I didn't really have to be.

Growing up, I was fortunate enough to have exposure to a wide variety of people and was taught how to be accepting and understanding, not tolerant. Tolerance suggests merely "putting up with" something.

Yes, there are incidents of bias everywhere, but I sometimes feel



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as if Juniata does not always know how to properly handle these situations, with blame on both the administrators and students' sides.

I'm not saying I'm perfect and know everything about every difference, but I am willing and wanting to learn. I have friends with parents who are multi-millionaires, ones who need government assistance, Muslims, Latinos and Buddhists. I've had transgender coworkers and encountered a myriad of types of folks. I, myself, have exceptionalities, but I see people as their own individual and remember them based off of their personality.

Unfortunately, or fortunately, this society is so keen on having identifiers. You're identifier could be that you're tall or play soccer, but when it becomes personal, it has a different effect.

On October 24th I went to the alumni advocates panel, and I realized that the graduates from '05, '07, '08 and '10 had the exact experience as me, an upcoming graduate of 2014.

None of the panelists thought every day about themselves being Jewish, gay, biracial, Latino or an international student until they came to Juniata's "diverse" campus and were reminded of it all the time.

Each panelist went on to become a strong leader at Juniata because there was a need for cultural change in our community, and subsequently, they all went into fields where, in different ways, they became activists for their identifying group.

Just because this school accepts people that come from different backgrounds doesn't always mean that it understands diversity and how to handle issues that arise from having a diverse population with different education levels pertaining to dissimilarities.

Every perspective student from Los Angeles county or Southern California is not going to identify with me or my experience, nor is every person that is black or comes from an urban area. I just find it odd that, as adaptable as I am, having grown up and still living in a predominantly white neighborhood and gone to majority white demographic private schools, I have never felt more black than I do at Juniata or uncomfortable walking into most establishments as I do in Huntingdon.

It's not an unsafe feeling, but it's unsettling constantly having to break down myths, stereotypes, unwarranted dislike and having to figure out how to handle someone

asking me if I twerked to get into Juniata while I'm trying to play a game of bowling, which was an actual recent occurrence.

Is it my job to answer what I consider to be juvenile questions like if I can tan or not? Yes and I get sunburned, too. Is it my job to deal with the feelings associated with backhanded compliments on how articulate I am, as if it was a surprise?

I don't have enough space to write all of my thoughts, and I'm not bashing Juniata because I really do love this place, but when I realized I am having the same experience as someone a decade ago, it really does make you question things. If these former students hadn't started the Juniata chapter of Hillel or AWOL as resources for them to have a support system, would the school have ever deemed it necessary to exist? And if they hadn't come to Juniata, would they be in their current line of work and loving what they do? I ask myself these questions on a daily basis.





Listen to your own body



Eva was standing in the long omelet line in Baker Refectory. We were talking about how crazy East was last night while we waited. The moment I turned around to say "hi" to another friend, I felt a heavy weight fall into me.

Eva had passed out.

Thankfully, a Juniata Emergency Medical Technician, EMT, was there. The technician checked on her while I called the ambulance. He helped me get Eva up and we walked her to the sofas in Ellis.

While we were waiting for the ambulance, he asked Eva if she remembered her name. He asked if she could recall what had just happened and if her head was hurting. He used a penlight to check if her pupils were equal, round and reactive.

Sarah Hayes, president of Juniata College emergency medical services, explained that those procedures were used to check if Eva had a concussion.

Ten minutes later, we were in the ambulance headed to J.C. Blair Memorial Hospital. It took awhile before we met Dr. Sloan. He seemed very kind.

He asked for a general overview of what happened. Since Eva was complaining about bad headaches, he gave her some pain relievers and did a couple of tests. He asked her to try to balance herself on one foot. Apparently, this trick not only works to test your friend's level of drunkenness, but also for concussions.

She had a hard time keeping herself balanced for longer than three seconds.

Dr. Sloan decided a MRI scan was needed. A MRI uses expensive equipment to produce a detailed image of the inside of your body.

Dr. Sloan returned with the results. Everything seemed fine, as the MRI showed no signs of a concussion.

That meant we could go back to school, right?

Wrong.

Not having a concussion or any other head-related complication was actually a reason to worry. Although Eva did not have a concussion, more testing was necessary in order to find out exactly why she fainted.

Dr. Sloan asked Eva if she had noticed any changes in her daily routine. She explained how, in the past couple of days, she was having a hard time staying awake and getting up for class. She thought it was due to her professor's uninteresting lectures and the warmth of her bed.

Eva also said she had made more frequent visits to the bathroom. That did not worry her either because she had started drinking more water after going to Juniata's health fair.

Given her response, Dr. Sloan thought Eva might have hydrocephalus.

As explained by the American Association of Neurological Surgeons, AANS, hydrocephalus is a condition where there is an excess amount of cerebrospinal fluid, transparent fluid that surrounds your brain, that causes an increase in brain pressure. That would explain why Eva fainted, her strong headaches, her loss of balance and her sleeping issues. In addition, those who suffer from hydrocephalus report having bladder control problems, as indicated by the AANS.

Dr. Sloan was wrong again.

If Eva had hydrocephalus, the MRI would have caught it. Dr. Sloan decided to order a computerized tomography, or CT scan.

As explained by the Mayo Clinic, CT scans combine X-ray views taken from different angles to create a cross-sectional image of the inside of your body. Dr. Sloan said that it was possible they had missed the hydrocephalus in the MRI and it might be visible through the CT scan.

It was not.

Eva did not have hydrocephalus. I started to think that maybe character Dr. Gregory House should be called in for consultation.

In the TV medical drama "House," physicians would send patients with unexplained medical complications to Dr. House. After much deliberation and testing, his genius self would diagnose the patient. Eva needed House.

By this time, it was already midnight. All Eva and I wanted to do was head back to campus. I just wanted my bed since I was running on three hours of sleep. Eva was worried about her test tomorrow. Her notes and her book were in the bag she left in Ellis.

Dr. Sloan finally made his way back to the room. Apparently, the emergency room was completely full, which explained why everything was taking so long.

This time around, he sat down. He looked at Eva and said, "When did you have your last period?"

We all knew where this was going.

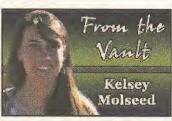
Eva said "No! No! No! No way! I am always late, my cycle has never been exactly 28 days."

As explained by the American Pregnancy Association, dizziness and fainting are common in the first trimester. The woman's body increases blood flow to the baby, but in the process, decreases the flow to the mother's brain. The decrease in flow would have caused Eva's fainting. The pregnancy would also explain the difficulty in sleeping, headaches and bladder control problems.

The test came back positive. Eva now had more to worry about than her exam tomorrow.

Note: Some parts of this story are based on actual events; which parts exactly, cannot be disclosed.

From Ellis to Troha, Juniata inspires



In light of Juniata's 12th presidential inauguration, the following article discusses the speeches presented at the inauguration of Juniata's seventh president, Calvert N. Ellis in 1943. The speech topics remain relevant today in addressing the role of education in solving global issues for the future.



Dr. Calvert N. Ellis, Seventh President 1943-68



PRESIDENTIAL INAUGURATION PROGRAM Dr. James A. Troha, Twelfth President 2013-present

Ellis and Speer Emphasize Role of Small Liberal Arts College October 27, 1943

(Text is taken exactly from the original article)

Dr. Calvert N. Ellis was inaugurated as the sixth president of Juniata College on October 23, succeeding his father, Dr. C. C. Ellis. At inaugural ceremonies held in Oller Hall, the president emeritus inducted his son into office. Dr. Robert E. Speer, international Christian leader, was the guest speaker. Mr. Joseph V. Kline of New York, chairman of the inaugural committee, presided.

In his acceptance speech President Calvert N. Ellis stated that the small liberal arts college has a three-fold purpose. First, to develop self-respect; second to inspire intellectual curiosity, and third to encourage Christian faith.

There is the opportunity for students at a small college to develop self respect, since the college is small enough to keep an eye on the individual student and his needs. The first concern of every teacher must be the welfare of the student. The faculty must offer wisdom and guidance to the student, but allow the individual to develop the feeling of self respect.

In the small college there is a possibility that the professor may become dogmatic. This must be avoided if the aim of the college is to inspire inquiring minds. The job of the professor is to encourage and direct curiosity.

Encouraging faith in God is a great challenge in the present day, because there are so many opportunities for the small Christian colleges to forget the purposes of its founders.

Since the first aim of a small college is not to train men in the art of war, many regard the small college as a luxury. However, the small college is looking into the postwar future. From it will come the national leaders that the world will need.

Speer offers solution for world confusion

Dr. Robert E. Speer discussed four criteria whereby the Christian college can discover a solution to the current confusion of life and thought. They are, regard for the tradition of the past, sense of trusteeship for the future, return to basic realities, and evaluation of issues to the highest standard.

The speaker began by stressing the confusion existing in the minds of our deepest thinkers today in regard to contemporary problems in contrast to the cocksureness which characterized all planning and thinking a generation ago. While greatest scholars have been able to diagnose the ailments of our civilization, they have as yet discovered no solution for their cure and find themselves in a maelstrom of bewilderment.

As a clear-cut answer to all this confusion, Dr. Speer said it was a matter of doing which is right. To emphasize his point, he reiterated the maxim that "Right makes might." The speaker defined right as the corresponding behavior to an undeniable fact and stated that the will to do right is nine-tenths of the knowledge of what is right.

In solving the riddle of the present situation, he believed that the primary concern in determining the future policy in Congress and at the Peace Table should be to play fair with the future generation. The only way to justify the colossal waste arising from war is to secure something that is worthwhile for the next generation.

Dr. Speer gave three practical suggestions as to how this principle of "doing what is right" can be applied to the burning problems of the present day. He states that we must take our full part in this struggle and see the issue through. He further emphasized that we must recognize the fact of the "One World" and consider it our duty to take full part in it; and that lastly we must make every sacrifice in living in that One World and in making a common cause within it.

Dr. Speer also defined the role of the small Christian College in this scheme as the preserved of the heritage of the past—that which time has proved to be right and worthwhile—and as the trustee for the future generation. He was generous in his praise of Juniata College for having so well fulfilled this purpose.

Concert choir to perform for 75th anniversary of Kristallnacht

By JOEL SLAFF

To commemorate the 75th anniversary of Kristallnacht, the Juniata concert choir will be performing the "Voices of the Holocaust" piece for the second time in its history on Sunday, Nov. 10 at Strathmore Hall in the greater Washington D.C. area.

"Voices of the Holocaust" is a commemorative work of art that features music composed during the Holocaust by survivors, observers and other people affected by the atrocities of World War II.

"[T]he pieces that are performed in 'Voices of the Holocaust' are contemporaneous with the time and have the emotion, the reality, the starkness, the desperation and the unbelievable affirmation of the hope of the human spirit in the music," said Russell Shelley, Elma Stine Heckler professor of music and music department chair.

Teaming up with the Juniata concert choir at Strathmore Hall will be 23 separate choirs from over 15 different synagogues in the Washington D.C. metro area, including adult and teen choirs. In addition, there will be Holocaust survivors alongside commemorative speakers.

"We have over 350 people singing, the instrumental ensemble and the conductor, Jason Love," said Cantor Laura Croen from Temple Sinai in Washington, D.C. and co-producer of "Voices of the Holocaust."

The first time the Juniata concert choir sang "Voices of the Holocaust" was Nov. 5, 2011. It was after this debut concert that the dream of a sophomore performance began.

In the audience was Cantor Susan Berkson, a religious leader and concert producer in the D.C. area. After having seen the concert at Juniata, she contacted Shelley to bring it to Washington.

"[Cantor Berkson and I] got the ball rolling, and then we stepped up to being co-producers," said Cantor Croen. Cantors Berkson and Croen have also been in contact with Cantor Marshall Kapell from B'nai Tzedek in Potomac, Maryland, as well as conductor Love and a Lou Stouvall, a visual artist who has been working to organize a commemorative pamphlet for the anniversary of Kristallnacht.

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In the past, Stouvall has worked on the visual art aspect of President Obama's first inauguration, and the opening of the Washington, D.C. Holocaust Museum.

"[Kristallnacht is an] important time to commemorate and the concert has really focused on the importance of remembering," said Cantor Croen.

The "Voices of the Holocaust" collection first began as a part of a larger collection of music of oppressed people that was arranged by Shelley and Philip Klein, a member of the State College Choral Society, a group of which Shelley is the music director.

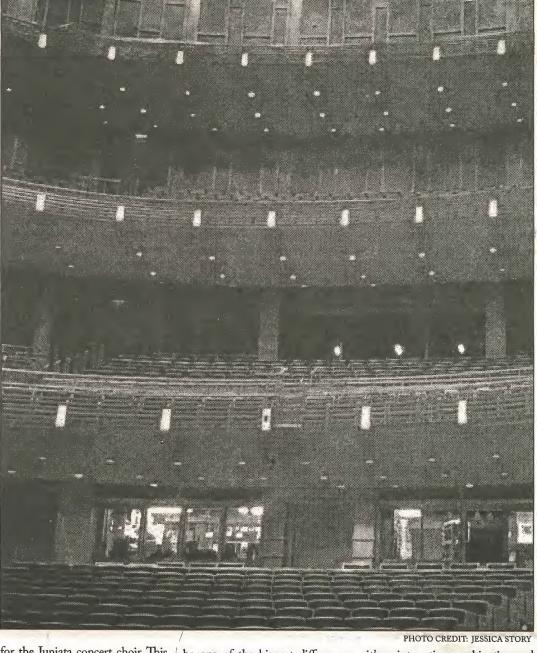
In this larger work, there was music from the American civil rights movement, apartheid, the Polish uprising, as well as music from the oppressed people of Russia and many more.

"Finally one day, we looked at each other and said 'we need to choose one of these," said Shelley. "[Klein] remembered an album that he listened to growing up from music of the Holocaust."

Shelley found a 50-year old LP that featured music from the Holocaust. Shelley and Klein both went on to look for the appropriate printed music. During this search, they also found a 19-yearold composer named Sheridan Seyfried from the Curtis Institute of Music in Philadelphia who was willing to arrange the music for the first time into what can be considered a choral cantata.

"Voices of the Holocaust" was then finally commissioned by the State College Choral society in

Preparation for "Voices of the Holocaust" has been challenging



for the Juniata concert choir. This / be one of the biggest differences semester alone, the concert choir has performed Beethoven's Ninth Symphony and Brahms' Schicksalslied with the Nittany Valley symphony. With their home concert Nov. 3, preparation has been fast. What works in Juniata's favor is that half of this year's choir has already done this collection in the debut performance.

"Personally, the most difficult preparation from me has been learning all of the Yiddish," said senior Becca McFadden. "That may

between this performance and the one two years ago. This time, the other singers are coming from the Metropolitan Washington, D.C. Synagogue Association, so they may have a bit of a language advantage."

Juxtaposing the emotions of the time in which the music is set to the actual music is an interesting approach in commemorating the anniversary.

"A number of the pieces are angry, a number of them are sad and it's an interesting combination and it's interesting to hear it performed in the style of the music of the time," said John Bukowski, concert choir accompanist and chair of the mathematics and computer science department.

What started as a debut performance by the Juniata concert choir in 2011 has turned into a commemoration of an anniversary that is important to world history. "[Kristallnacht is] when the world woke up to what was going on in Germany at the time," said Shelley.

Now I present to you: Danny Trejo minus the blood and guts



I fear the abundance of R-rated films as my choice of review material may give off the impression that I'm too dead of heart to give the time of day to anything where the 'F-word' hasn't been said at least three times within the first 10 minutes. With that in mind, I invite you all to join me on one of my rather frequent, and probably totally unhealthy, nostalgic binges where I revisit a film that I thought was the coolest thing in the world when I was seven.

"Spy Kids" is a franchise of films where the title pretty much tells you everything you need to know. The lead characters are spies, two

young children named Juni and Carmen. The first movie had the kids discovering that their parents were spies and setting out to rescue them, the second saw the kids taking on a dangerous mission to a mysterious/island and the third film lowered the collective IQ of society.

While the other films in the franchise were pretty bad from the moment they were released, "Spy Kids" was actually a decent little film for its time, and a lot of that comes from how the 'kids are staring in a secret-agent movie spoof' concept was pretty fresh back in 2001. The problem with going to see it nowadays is that it's sort of become a cliché in the world of kid's movies. Today it joins the ranks of films such as "G Force," "Cars 2," and "Baby Geniuses" as films that poke fun at the classic portrayal of spies. What was once fairly original has now become

quite ordinary and the film loses a bit of its charm because of that.

On top of this, "Spy Kids" really is a movie geared primarily towards kids. This might seem obvious from the title, but since its release, Pixar and others have shown the world time and again that kid's films can be entertaining for everyone. It's worth noting that "Spy Kids" simply does not do that. The story is simplistic and predictable, the characters are one-dimensional and the jokes are mostly geared towards an audience that doesn't exactly have a high standard for comedy.

Granted, there is still quite a bit of charm that keeps the film from being completely unwatchable. There are visually imaginative moments involving the main villain starring in his own kid's show, lots of silly gadgets and a lot of adult actors who actually look like they're having a lot of fun with

the more ridiculous aspects of the movie. Nobody is just phoning in Everybody above the drinking age is channeling their inner child and having a good time.

So, should we see this as a film that can be enjoyed by those who want to feel like a kid again? Well, not quite, and the reason for this is that, adding to my previous point that this film hasn't aged remarkably well, in recent years we've seen the release of a new "Muppets" film, which demonstrated flawlessly how you take pure, childish silliness and make it enjoyable to absolutely anyone. "Spy Kids" occasionally strikes on similar notes, but not nearly often enough.

The film contains just a few wink-wink moments meant to fly over the heads of children and make their parents smile, the biggest of which involves Danny Trejo playing the character of uncle Ma-

chete, and who is apparently playing the same character in the "Spy a performance for a paycheck here. Kids" films as he is in the ultra-violent exploitation films "Machete" and "Machete Kills."

> Above all else, though, this really is meant to be a power fantasy for kids. All the children learn wholesome messages about the importance of love and family, the little brother conquers his fears, the older sister kicks butt and everybody learns that jet packs are cool. If you've never seen "Spy Kids," I don't really have a compelling reason that you should seek it out, as it spends most of its time revolving around dumb jokes and bad child actors. But if you're like me and remember this one from way back, it's something that one can revisit without completely feeling like their childhood was all for nothing. So yeah, it's better than "Baby Geniuses." Take that for what it's worth.

Mimi's Restaurant: a welcoming but pricey environment

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Mimi's Restaurant is a must-try in Huntingdon. The restaurant is located in the middle of town on 312 Penn Street, a ten-minute walk from Juniata College and a thirty-minute drive from Raystown Lake and State College. The restaurant offers two sections, fine dining and a bar.

According to their website, Mimi's also offers a take-out service. Walking into the restaurant, my first impression of the setting was relaxed yet classy and contemporary. The bright red and blue colors on the walls, in addition to the Italian and Parisian artworks adorning them, adds to the high-end and sophisticated feel of the restaurant.

Unfortunately, I have walked into the restaurant two times and neither time has a hostess or server greeted me. The seating is a bit disorganized, and I have had to walk back and find somebody to seat me both times. I ate at Mimi's during Juniata's homecoming and family weekend as many students and their parents decided to do.

On Saturday, half of the restaurant was filled with college students and their families. What confused me was, since the restaurant owners knew more people than usual would be in town during that particular weekend, why would they not have more servers on staff and more organized seating? Our server was incredibly stressed and had far too many tables to wait on, as he even admitted.

Mimi's is a restaurant that you need to make reservations for in advance; otherwise you might not get a table. I talked to the owner of the restaurant on the phone to make my reservation and she was very accommodating. However, the owner or manager was nowhere to be found when I ate there. A guest who was with me at dinner had a complication with their meal and the owner did not come over like she asked for them to do.

As I previously mentioned, the restaurant is very warm and welcoming. The Halloween decorations, including the life-sized skeleton right when you walk in the door, the giant spider hanging over our table and the colorful orange lights behind the bar, added to the warm and festive atmosphere of Mimi's. There are three rooms that make up the entire restaurant. I sat in the middle room, which I

enjoyed since it was not as loud as the first room with all of the guests entering, but it was still a spot located in the middle of everything. The back room is extremely cozy with a fireplace, carpeting and gigantic flower paintings hanging on the walls. A guest I was with commented on the light fixtures in the windows, which were indeed unique and added to the flair of the restaurant.

On a positive note, I was extremely happy with the quality of my meal at Mimi's. It was wellprepared and they offered unique items on the menu that one cannot get at the College, that's for sure. I had a cranberry apple walnut salad, perfect for the fall season, with a lamb gyro, which is sort of like a soft-shelled taco for those of you who have never tried one. I would definitely recommend it! A guest I ate with tried a pasta dish with shrimp, which she was not extremely fond of because the seafood tasted slightly fishy. However, the other guest was extremely satisfied with his meal of spinach ravioli. He said it was the best spinach ravioli he ever had because it tasted very fresh and homemade.

Something that caught my eye on the Mimi's menu was the portion that read, "If a guest has an old favorite dish that Mimi's used GRAPHIC CREDIT: WWW.MIMISRESTAURANT.NET

to make but is not on the menu anymore, ask and we should still be able to make it for you." I have never seen any restaurant specify this before. It is a small detail, but sometimes those make the biggest difference. Personally, I usually order the same things at restaurants because I have certain favorites. When that item is taken off the menu, I often wish it could still be available to order. Having this option is thoughtful and a nice touch.

Certain items at the restaurant

seemed pricey, such as the seafood and some of the pasta dishes. Otherwise, I thought most items were reasonably priced. The portions were not overwhelming as no one at my table had to take food home. The restaurant is fairly dressy and therefore appropriate for special occasions or just a fun evening out. Hours of the restaurant are Monday through Saturday 4:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Dining out at Mimi's is a unique experience that every Juniatian should try at least once.

Haddon's novel: over-awarded and preachy, or intimate and insightful?



Maybe the simple fact that I was forced to read and analyze it for a whole term (half a semester to you Yanks), makes me look back with a shudder at Mark Haddon's bestseller "The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Nighttime." Reading it as an innocent book lover, or mere bored student wanting to appear intellectual, it reads well, has frequent funny moments and is definitely not the usual runof-the-mill, long and dry school approved novel.

The story itself is about how 15-year-old Christopher discovers the body of his neighbor's dog impaled by a garden fork and decides to find out who the murderer was.

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So already, it sets itself out to be a slightly quirky take on the typical murder mystery novel and actually, the mystery side of the story is entertaining in the same way as any good Sherlock Holmes mystery, mainly in that we too get to try to work out who the murderer is.

Moving beyond the overall plot, the writing style itself is perhaps what really drives the novel. It is Haddon's insight and development of Christopher's autistic nature that makes this novel different from other novels of a similar genre. It really pushes the narrative forward, adding an individual tone and pace, which allows the reader to understand Christopher, if not absolutely relate to him, and feel some form of connection with him and what he is going through.

The fact that it is Christopher who is narrating the novel does

add a touch of sentiment to the text. As we get to know the character well, understanding all of his likes and dislikes, plus the methods he has to use on a day-to-day basis in order to understand his life, a touching bond between the reader and him is created. This touch really makes this novel one which remains in your mind long after you have put it down. The ups and downs of Christopher's home life often create an unexpected flow of understanding and sympathy toward him.

However, he is a strange narrator, to say the least. His own inability to relate to other people and his constant strive to try to impose a certain degree of logic upon everything and everyone creates an unsettling feeling in the reader. Haddon's view of human life as shown through a person complete-

embroidery services, as well as a

professional art department.

ly removed from the social sphere, although often jarring and sometimes arousing feelings of guilt and an awkward self-awareness, does also come with some insights into our neighborhood societies and communities which are often humorous and nostalgic.

It is safe to say that this book has caused me many frustrated sighs and disgruntled shakes of the head since reading it for one of my classes back in what you would call "high school," but will remain for me as sixth form. Once you're made to look in-depth at the story and analyze it even on a basic level, the realization of the simplemindedness of Haddon hits you like a steamroller.

This is not just a personal view intended to simply make an argument out of nothing, no sir, believe me when I insist that

every single member of my 30 student class left that final exam with a strong desire to throttle Haddon if he so chanced to walk into our school.

But honestly, it is difficult for me to recommend it. The story, which on the surface is a fascinating insight into the life of a child with Asperger's syndrome, becomes the same messages reiterated throughout the story with no further depth of meaning or change in pace.

Pretty much every adolescent story demands that we pay attention to the father-son or adult-child relationship prevalent throughout, and the theme of independence as a method of 'growing-up' is as dry as sandpaper, and yet Haddon refuses to drop it.

I will not go into details and ruin the story for you as much as it was for me, but it is a dry monotonous story, which sticks to your throat until you feel like Haddon has forced it down much like a mouthful of peanut butter, preventing you from seeing the narrative's highlights and its overall creative power.

Recently announced as a new West End production in London, I would be fascinated to see how this quirky, oddball of a novel is translated onto the stage and whether it is the humorous tone of the text and its original characters which are carried through, or whether we are given a theatrical version of Haddon's dry, over-worked and oh-so old fashioned side.

If you ever get the chance to read this book then I definitely recommend it, however, for your own mental satisfaction and safety, please, please, please just do so for fun and not to gain any real intellectual benefits outside of what is literally written on the page.



Men's and women's soccer qualify for Landmark playoffs

By AAREN SELLERS

The men's and women's soccer seasons are coming to a close. The women's team ended with a 3-0 win over visiting opponent Drew on Saturday, Nov. 2. The men's team lost their final regular season game 2-0 against Drew the same afternoon.

The women's team ended their season with an overall record of 14-4, and a 4-2 record in conference play. The men's team ended with a record of 12-5-2, finishing at 3-3-1 in the conference. Both teams have had tremendous success this season.

"I think it started in the preseason this year, when we said that we were going to do more conditioning. We also decided that we would play harder, and make everything come together. Everything was just going to be better. We were going to commit to everything and not be selfish teammates," said sophomore midfielder Emily Green. "We had a meeting and outlined all of the things that we could do better, so that's really where our success started this season. We are also a lot closer as a team."

"I would say a combination of everything. With the coaches and the leadership of the captains, Seth and Anthony. I think that we realized in the beginning of the season that we actually had potential this year so we put forth the effort in order to succeed," said junior midfielder Robby Higgins.

Men's soccer head coach Dan Dubois said, "Believing in the



Senior Rose Lucidi fights for the ball alongside senior Paula Pryor at the Eagles' playoff game against Drew University on Nov. 6.

team concept and coming to an understanding that we each have our own role on the team and that we need to accept it and make the best of it, even if we aren't thrilled with our roles. Knowing that it is the role that you have to do your part and then each piece will come together in the end."

Although both seasons are ending, both teams have post-seasons to prepare for. Therefore, both teams have aspects that they feel need tweaking and improvement.

"Anybody can also aim for improvement. We don't necessarily have to build a house, but we need to make sure that we get rid of all our squeaks and shimmies. We just have to make sure that the house is perfect. We have built a strong foundation, and we've got a great roof over our heads, now we just have to make sure all the small things keep improving,'

said women's soccer head coach Scott McKenzie.

"I would say that in our most recent games we just need to finish the ball and not be so nervous going onto the field. We need to stay calm and settle ourselves down before games better," said Green.

The men's team also has some things in mind that need worked on in order to finish the season on a strong note.

"We are still in the process of learning how to win the big games. We've done it a couple of times this season so far and it hasn't been by accident. We just need to make sure that we are more consistent with our play and with our approach to each game," said Dubois. "We need to be more consistent with the effort and focus that we have every day out on the field."

"I think the biggest thing is that and we need to earn that right. We

against Catholic and Drew," said McKenzie. As far as goals go for both teams, a successful post-season run is an obvious one.

are diligently working to make sure

that we are in the best seed possible

"The team goal is to make conference playoffs for the first time in

program history and to hopefully win as well," said Higgins. "A goal for the rest of the season would be to stick together and stay the family unit that we have been for the whole season. We need to

stick to our game plan that we've

had all along since day one. We

need to make sure that we continue to all grow in the same direction," said Dubois.

"In the beginning our goal was to make it into conference play. Then our biggest goal for a long time was to beat Catholic. Returning to our original goal, our minds are in the right place," said Green.

"All I want for this group of seniors is to have the chance to fight for a conference championship; I think that's a plausible goal that we're shooting for. When we sit and talk about each game, it's about getting this group of girls into the playoffs and see what they are capable of accomplishing, said McKenzie.

The women's team fell to Drew by a score of 3-2 at the Landmark semifinal in double overtime. The men's team has qualified for postseason play for the first time in program history and will travel to play the No. 1 seed Catholic on Thursday, Nov. 7.

Eagles begin new season behind talented group of young swimmers

By STEPH PAGLIARO

Though they have not won a meet, the women's swimming team has had successful individual performances. With the help of second year head coach Nathan Smith and first year assistant coach Jamie Platt, the team has a strong bond and a positive outlook on the

The Eagles had their first meet at Millersville Relays on Oct. 12. The team finished first in the 300yard butterfly relay and took third place overall.

One week later, the team lost a close meet to Mansfield University with a score of 99-101. Although they won eight straight events in this meet and placed second in two other events, they were unable to translate those wins into an overall victory. "That was a little bit of a tough loss. If a couple things had been changed around, we probably could've won the meet, but we still had some really good races," said head coach Nathan Smith.

Their first home meet took place on Oct. 25, as they contended against Millersville University on senior night. Although they were able to pick up four individual victories and finished second in two relays, the Eagles fell to Millersville with a score of 71-114.

The Eagles most recent meet was at the Chatham Invitational. They finished second, picking up six wins and six second place finishes. Freshman Erika Fimple had all four individual first-place victories.

Although the first few meets have not resulted in any overall wins, the team has gained experience from them. "They were good

opportunities to swim against other programs," said Smith. "We got some pretty good performances at all the meets so far. They had some good individual times.

A new addition to the team this year is assistant coach Jamie Platt. She places a strong emphasis on technique to the team dynamic and also provides additional support to the swimmers.

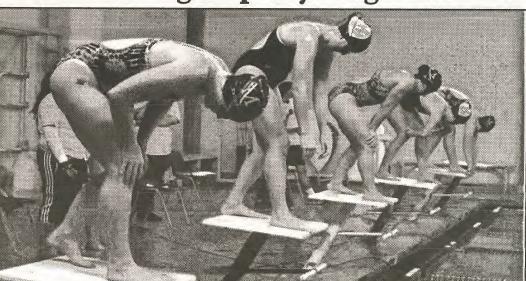
"Jamie has a lot of knowledge in the breaststroke. She adds a lot of help with technique for us. She helps us build strength inside and outside the pool," said the team's only senior Hillary Palmer. "Our coaches balance each other out very well. She is very intuitive of our feelings. She'll talk to us about how we're feeling; whereas Coach Smith is the one who will push us hard."

"She's really positive and she really supports us. On Wednesdays, we have team bonding and she always comes up with ideas for us to do together," said freshman Erika Fimple.

With Platt's help, the team has been able to become close to each other, which has helped contribute to their success. "We motivate each other and do everything together. We're very close. At practices and meets, we're always cheering for each other," said Fimple.

This has been one of the closest teams I've ever worked with," said Platt. "We're very bonded. They work well together and communicate."

According to team members and coaches, the team dynamic during the beginning of the season is better than last year. "Everyone came in in better shape than they did last year and everybody is working re-



in the first half of games, we tend

to come out slow. We give up easier

goals early on and we shouldn't let

that happen. I also think that we

need to work on ending games

stronger. We gave up a late one

against Susquehanna and it's unac-

ceptable, so finishing the game is

very important, especially for our

In terms of their post-seasons

specifically, both teams have a clear

vision of how to get done what

they want to accomplish.
"We're at the point in the season

with how the season has gone so

far that now every game seems to

be a playoff game for us. I think it's

actually a good thing; it's like trial

by fire. If we can come through this successfully, we will be ready to

make a run in what post-season we

Well, we have to get there first

end up in," said Dubois.

last three games," said Higgins.

Freshman Jessie Murray and sophomore Chrissy Whiteman prepare to swim the 200-yard freestyle in their loss to Millersville University. They will face Goucher College and Scranton University in their first conference meet on Nov. 9 at Scranton University.

ally hard. The freshmen are adjust- this weakness. "Even though we're best. My goal for the girls is to get ing well. Our new assistant coach is really good and Coach Nathan is really pushing us," said sophomore Chrissy Whiteman.

"The team morale is really up. The girls are working so great together, which is always a great thing at the start of a season," said Platt. "According to Coach Smith, they look so much better this year than they did last year. Everyone is looking strong."

With only twelve girls on the roster, the coaches see the team's size as a disadvantage. "[Our team size] is beneficial, but it can also hurt us because we're not as big as other teams, so we don't necessarily carry as much depth. However, we still carry some strong swimmers to make us very valuable," said Platt.

However, team members are confident that they can overcome a lot smaller than many other teams, we all come together in a way that numbers don't necessarily matter," said Whiteman.

Looking toward the rest of the season, the team hopes to continue improving their times. "My expectations for the returning swimmers are to try and find a new way to go faster. Sometimes it may feel a little uncomfortable at first to try to make changes to things they've been doing for years, but in the end it can really increase their performance," said Smith. "For the freshmen, my expectations are [for them] to get acclimated to the team and the training, and then find new ways to go faster.'

"We have big expectations. I want the girls to always have fun. I would definitely love for everyone to have at least one personal their goals accomplished, whatever I can do to help them with that,"

The team also hopes to improve upon last year and finish higher than their predicted sixth place in the Landmark.

"I think we have the potential to finish higher. Last year we didn't have people in certain events that had direct finals, and that was really bad because every other team got points in those events except us. I think if we're smart about putting people in events that have fewer people, we can move up in the rankings and get some extra points here and there," said Palmer.

The Eagles have their next meet on Nov. 9 against the University of Scranton in their first Landmark Conference meet of the season.

Women's volleyball sets sight on national championship

By CHRIS BEALL

The expectations are always high for the women's volleyball team. This year they seem to have set higher expectations for themselves than usual. The team has been on a roll this year and it seems like nothing can stop them.

"There have been a few things that have helped our success. We are serving well throughout the year. The fact that we are serving well, probably has our passing at a pretty high level. We have gotten some really good leadership along that way. The team has bought into the idea that you just have to get a little better each day and I think that they have done that," said head coach Heather Pavlik.

"The team's success so far has got to be because of the talent that we have from the freshmen all the way up to the seniors. You need everyone to contribute regardless of whether or not you play in a game, you are going to make the starters better in practice. Our practices have been getting pretty snippy, so that's a plus. We are always coming in early for practice and working on things that we are struggling with. Everyone goes hard in the practice gym. It's easy to see that everyone wants to be the best at the end of the year," said junior libero and defensive specialist Brittani Young.

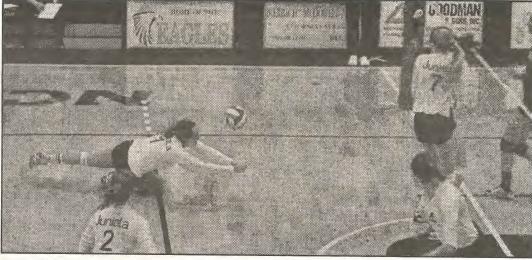
Even though the team is having one of their best seasons, they understand that they cannot just

walk into a match and expect to win. They realize that they have to continue to get better if they want to keep winning and be where they want to be at the end of the year.

"We need to take it one day at a time and not get too ahead of ourselves. We have a motto of win the day. That's something that we are focusing on. It's stuff like sleeping right, eating right, studying, and coming into practice with focus. When you win the day over and over, they add up. That is pretty much the key right now," said senior outside hitter Rachelle Wiegand.

"I think it's a little bit of everything. We need to make sure we have each aspect of our game work with one another. It's not just about passing, it's not just about defense, and it's not all about just one thing. I think we need to work on everything to click so we can all play as one and things will run smoothly," said Young.

"There is always something that you need to work on. Until the last day of the season we will continue to work on some things. I think that blocking has been something that we have been working on throughout the year. Just trying to get a little better each day. Defense is also something that has been a work in progress for us as well. Also, our transition game is something that we hope to improve on as the season progresses,"



Senior Amy Miller dives to dig the ball in a match for the women's volleyball team. The team is currently ranked No. 9 in the country and will host their first Landmark conference playoff game on Friday Nov. 8 against the winner of Moravian and Scranton. the rest of the season. They all seem said Pavlik.

Freshman middle hitter Nakita Gearhart came into Juniata with a few expectations this year. She wanted to see considerable playing time, accomplished that, and she wanted to win.

"I knew coming in that this was going to be a whole lot more intense and better than anything that I have ever played with. The intensity level and the playing level in general has escalated a lot higher than I have played against. The team that I am playing with right now is proving everything that I knew would be there,' said Gearhart.

The team has goals that they want to accomplish throughout to have one common goal, though.

"For our final goal, we are going to win a national championship that is plain and simple and that is just how it is going to be," said Young.

"Most definitely to win a national championship. Hands down, we said it at the beginning of the year when we put our goals out there. Every day we have trained with that in mind. We want to win the national championship," said Wiegand.

"We want to continue to get better. We want to be able to keep winning and bettering ourselves so we can keep winning and get our national championship,"

said Gearhart.

"We compete nationally on a year in and year out basis. The opportunity to put yourself into that category is hard work, playing a tough schedule, and doing the things that we have done. I think that we have earned the right to be able to say that is one of our goals. We can definitely say that winning a national championship is one of our main goals and that is because of the work that we have put out," said Pavlik.

The team is currently preparing for Landmark playoffs. As the No. 1 seed, they will host the tournament. After Landmark play, they will get their chance to compete for the national title.

Strong finish at Landmarks qualifies seven runners for NCAAs

By Bobby Moodispaugh

The Juniata College cross country team ended its regular season with the Landmark Conference Championships this past weekend. It now prepares to send its top seven runners to the NCAA Mideast regional on Nov. 16.

Senior Katrina Woods won the individual title at the championship, the first in the program's history, with a time of 23:20:30. She finished runner-up in the same race last year. The women's team finished sixth overall at the event.

The men's team finished second overall in the championship behind Susquehanna University. Senior Nate Alter led the Eagles finishing sixth followed by sophomore R.J. Bogdan finishing tenth.

"The men's team has definitely exceeded our expectations this year. We knew they would do well, but they have done a lot better than we anticipated," said assistant coach Blair Taylor. "On the women's side, having low numbers has been a bit of a struggle this season, but working with what they have, they are doing the best they can and our

top three have done very well."
"We have a strong group of eight or nine that can be interchanged with our top seven. This is great for a cross country team because your top seven score. There is more emphasis on the top five, but if there is a tie, it goes to the sixth runner, then the seventh, etc. We have all run pretty well," said senior Nate Alter.

The women's team was extremely thin this year with only six members. They were led by senior Katrina Woods. "Katrina has been dynamite for the team this year. Watching her run and watching her compete has just been amazing," said Taylor. Woods broke the program 6K record at the Lock Haven River Run on September

21 with a time of 21:44.20.

To help build the number of people on the women's team, the plan is to bring in some more girls in the next few years. "We are on the phone every night, sending out emails, [and] scheduling visits with the intent to bring in more female distance runners in the coming years to try and boost up the team," said Taylor.

Alter was one of the contributors to the success of the men's team. He broke the program record for the 8K also at the Lock Haven River Run with a time of 22:55.0. "I put in a lot of work over the summer, which is a huge part of running cross country. It is important to work year round, not just six months out of the year. I think my running really reflected my offseason work and I have been happy with the results," said Alter.
"Nate has run really well this

year as he has done continuously

throughout his career. He continues to amaze me with the amount of mileage he can handle. It is unbelievable," said Taylor.

"With Nate breaking the 8K record this year, it really helps me to see a runner like that train and see how he is accomplishing things like that," said freshman Xavier Cachon.

Cachon and fellow freshman Nick Simpson continuously finished in the team's top five throughout the season. "Having two freshmen in our top five looks really good for the team and bodes well for the next few years," said Taylor.

Cachon was proud of the way he and the other freshmen came in and immediately started contributing: "The freshmen ran very well this year. Nick, Reese (Marrero), and I finished two, three, four in the first race of the season. I was originally recruited as one of the

mid-freshmen, but I have been up towards the front more and I am really happy with how I raced."

"We have had a really strong group of freshmen come in this year. It is usually tough to hold on as a freshman as the season goes along, but these guys really stuck with it and it shows," said Alter. "Xavier has really stepped up and Nick has been running great.'

Sophomore R.J. Bogdan and junior Matt Geutzlaff have also stepped up to contribute. "R.J. has run really well. He put in some work this summer, so did Matt, and it has really shown in the way they have run this year. I am happy with how they have performed,"

With the season coming to a close the team must continue working hard in the offseason to prepare for next year. Part of this preparation includes competing in various events during the track

season. "The team will continue training for the track season so our season never really stops. Without a doubt in my mind, participating in track is really beneficial to keeping the team in shape," said Taylor.

"Running track is similar, but it is also very different than what we do in the fall. In track, we run a lot faster and do shorter speed work, which I am not as good at. But doing track helps me practice those aspects of running and helps improve my running for cross country," said Alter.

Cachon looks to be just as strong in the future as he is now. "I am a pretty ambitious person, so I like to train as hard as I possibly can to be the best I possibly can and I will see where that leads me on this team," said Cachon.

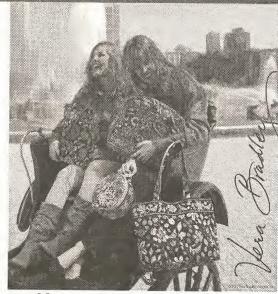
The Eagles will be heading to the Mideast Regional on Saturday, Nov. 16 at Catholic University for their first NCAA meet.

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Ongoing Nerf war battles continue to ravage otherwise peaceful campus

Carnage continues as the death toll rises in the neverending war between the United Nerf Liberation Front and the Nationalist Nerf Army.

The two armies clashed this past Saturday in an attempt to gain ground in the strategically important Brumbaugh Academic Center stronghold.. A fortified position in the BAC for either army could potentially threaten the supply lines of their enemy and inevitably forcing a retreat into safer territory.

After many long, arduous minutes of intense combat near the water fountains on the second floor, a small group of UNLF soldiers found themselves pinned down behind a comfy overstuffed chair. Exhausted, thirsty, and hungry from the prolonged combat, I, your loyal war correspondent, mentioned to the hungry soldier from my vantage behind a desk that Simply To Go had numerous sandwiches, salads, and even soups to offer.

Upon hearing this, the three

and yelling blood-thirsty battle cries, and stormed the Simply To Go line, dodging fire from enemy snipers encamped at the top of

Later during the engagement, I found myself snapping photographs of bullet-riddle corpses and chatting with them as they waited for their team to be eliminated. The peace of the moment did not last long, however, and was crashed by a NNA sneak attack on the UN

The surviving UNLF fighters were forced to barricade themselves behind desks in one of the classrooms, giving the NNA guerillas free range of the P Wing, Unable to communicate with their HQ and trapped without food were forced to surrender, but not before the NNA's team of commandos had wreaked havoc on the UNLF's flank, destroying their fortifications and forcing a retreat into the Math department.

soldiers jumped up, screaming on both sides, a cease fire was the two factions.



PHOTO AND ARTICLE BY CAL KING called late on Saturday night and both armies retreated to collect their squishy, pleasantly soft Nerf

Despite the cease fire, the two and water, the UNLF soldiers armies continue to maneuver and posture, trying to gain a tactical advantage in the strife-ridden

Sources high up within the NNA have said that a strike is in the works for this coming weekend, a strike that will most certainly Due to numerous casualties raise the tenuous peace between

TOP 10 WORST HOMECOMING THEMES

- 1. Green leafy vegetables are fun!
- 2. Non-italic fonts around the world
- 3. The Surviving Beatles
- 4. Awkward TLC Feature Shows
- 5. Offensive Football Team Mascots
- 6. Roadkill stew recipes of the Pennsylvania Amish
- 7. Life as a real college student
- 8. Movies for which Leonardo DiCaprio Did Not Win an Oscar
- 9. The Salem Witch Trials
- 10. If Juniata College was actually Juanita College







Thumbs

Thumbs down to mono being passed around recently. Thanks, East, great job.

Thumbs up to the anticipation of the goats coming back to the Stone Church. Everyone is going to be so gla-a-a-a-d.

Thumbs down to all the Waldos during Halloween. This isn't even a challenge anymore, because we all saw you. And you. And you. Oh, and you.



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Don't let the bedbugs bite: insects found in Cloister

By Dylan J. Stroman

For the second year in a row, several Cloister 1 residents claim they have been dealing with intermittent bedbug encounters.

Senior Anthony Glossner is one of five residents in Cloister 1. The room is located in Cloister's basement adjacent to the kitchen.

"I started waking up a little bit itchy. After a while, I got little red bumps. I didn't know if it was mosquitos or what, but eventually it progressed to where we wanted to get it checked out," said Glossner.

In describing the pests, Glossner compared the bedbugs to ticks in terms of size. Senior Ben Tansi, a resident of Cloister 1 during the previous academic year, mentioned that bedbugs are, "probably about a hair larger than a mustard seed."

Only two of the five current residents of Cloister 1 cited finding bite-marks. All current residents have cited the presence of itching symptoms throughout the ordeal.



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Residential life keeps a vial of bedbugs in order to help students to identify potential infestations. Students who are concerned about a potential presence of bedbugs should act immediately, taking care not to spread the pests elsewhere.

"Most of the time, I would just be overly itchy on my legs or my arms," said Glossner. "But my girlfriend (junior Catherine Scholl) got completely eaten alive. It looked like she had the chickenpox. Her whole arm was red dots."

"For about three weeks, I would sleep over there about

three times per week and get at least 10 bites per time; they were always on the same side because I always sleep on the same side," said Scholl. "We didn't know what was happening, so I actually got (falsely) diagnosed with shingles because I went to the hospital — that was really awkward."

Instances of bedbug infestations are rare on campus according to Ryan Navarro, assistant director of residential life. "They can't transmit any diseases. They are not really regarded as a medical threat," said Navarro.

Claudia McDowell, resident director of Cloister, respectfully

declined a request to comment on the bedbug issue.

According to Glossner and his roommates, Juniata's official pest control contractors performed three separate fumigations this semester over a three-week span in October.

"The fumigators said that it was a really severe infestation," said junior Nicholas Weit.

"After the first two fumigations, we kept finding more bugs," said Glossner.

Scholl's apartment in East was also heat treated for bedbugs.

"Lets say you're friends with someone and they're in your room all the time: there is a possibility that they're transporting them (the bedbugs) to and from your room. We don't want to just check the room, but also the room of those who have spent lots of time there," said Navarro.

"We never wanted them to fumigate because we never found any, but we are ultimately glad that they did because precau-

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Lights, camera, action in new studio

By Nick Stoliaroff

Juniata College will introduce a "One Button Studio" starting in the spring semester. It will be located next to A100 in Brumbaugh Academic Center, opposite of the Digital Media Studio. Its purpose will be to allow students and faculty to self-record video and audio without having to worry about handling the equipment.

"You walk in, plug a flash drive into a port, at that point you press a button, and it'll count down from five. When it gets to zero, it starts recording. It turns on the camera, the microphone, the light. Everything is controlled with that one button," said Joel Pheasant, director of the Technology Solutions Center.

The studio was designed to be convenient and easy to use for students outside of the IT and digital media departments.

"To an average person it would be really high tech, to us we sort of know what's behind it," said Justine Kobeski, assistant director of instructional technology. "But the cool thing for the students or the faculty that are creating learning modules: all they need to know is flash drive, button, talk, button, leave. They don't need any concept of technology, of cameras, of lighting. That's it."

One of the main goals is to make it more convenient for students and faculty to self-record without having to worry about dealing with technical equipment.

"Last time I did a project on digital storytelling and I had a really hard time figuring out how to record. It takes a lot of time, too. It's definitely more convenient to have better control in my recording, that could help a lot," said junior Duc Vu.

"The point is to keep it as simple as possible for people that want to just do the basics. Then we can look at it later on if we need to do a little more with it, and we'll look at providing that additional functionality," said Pheasant.

"I can deal with technical equipment that is a little bit more complicated, but I don't think that everybody can do that. To just go in a room and start your presentation or study for your presentation, I think that's pretty good," said Tobias Krebs, an international student from Germany.

The project was also a success financially. Juniata spent less than half of what Penn State spent on its one button studio.

"The biggest thing that I see is that the money invested is going to go into paying for itself quickly because it's cheap," said Zach Fultz, technical leader of the Technology Solutions Center.

Faculty and students campuswide will be able to use the studio for a variety of projects.

"It's great for students who want to practice their presentations and see what they look like, or maybe if they need to turn it in for an assignment, they just need a recording of it," said Pheasant. "There will be faculty using it, too, so our thought with them is they'll come in, record segments, but then we'll need to do additional work with them on the back end to get them ready to be used in their final formats."

"Career services can use it to do mock interviews. Med students can do mock med school interviews in there," said Kobeski. "The education students learn how to do online courses so they can learn how to create an online learning module for it. It will really pull in everyone I think very quickly. Physics kids could do an experi-

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Value of honor societies

By MATT ELIAS

Typically viewed as recognition of prestige and accomplishment, honor societies reflect the hard work of all participating members. However, the majority of student participation in honor societies can be attributed to the pursuit of a bolstered résumé rather than the desire to be an active member.

"We have to make a distinction among honor societies," said Dr. Jack Barlow, Charles A. Dana professor of politics and chair of the politics department. "You have certain societies that are subject-based. I think they recognize the student's good work and they put an official seal of approval on it."

"Members of honor societies are very select students who have excelled academically, who meet national standards, and that's really the way you have to look at it," said Dr. Donna Weimer, Thornbury professor of communication and the communication department chair. "One of the strengths of an honor society is the recognition that you gain and the access that you gain to the national organization both in terms of job searches and in terms of the available graduate schools."

In the past, the appeal of prestigious honor societies compelled students to strive for academic accomplishments that would ultimately result in society induction; however, a recent phenomenon has resulted in student participation in honor societies strictly for the benefit of an augmented résumé.

"You wind up with a lot of letters after your name, but that doesn't tell anything about you or your experience," said Barlow. "Are they worth it? Well, the accomplishments are worth it, and the honor society membership is the gold star, but don't go looking to acquire gold stars without doing the work."

"If you're just going through and ticking off check boxes and grabbing little bits of fame along the way so you have ten lines of stuff as extracurricular activities on your resume, that is not why you should be joining an honor society," said Dr. John Matter, associate professor of biology. "You should join these kinds of groups to broaden your exposure to your field and to be an active member of the society. If you want to be a true active member and you want to be

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Natural sandstone formation draws students despite rocky dangers

By ZACH LEMON

The sandstone rock formations known as 'the cliffs' are one of the most beloved outdoor locales in the Huntingdon area.

Located in the Highlands area above the College, "they (the cliffs) are the Ridgeley sandstone formation, so it's made of quartz, formed in the early Devonian, around 300 or 320 million years ago," said Ryan Mathur, professor of geology at Juniata College.

Ryan and Amy Mathur, chair of the English department, have lived adjacent to the cliffs for 12 years.

"In the fall when the leaves are pretty, a good deal of students will go up and then it slows down during the winter and then when spring hits and everything is flowering – you'll see it," said A. Mathur.

A. Mathur said that the cliffs are a popular location for parents to go to as well.

"We don't go just because we have children and we don't feel safe with them back there, but when we have family or alumni friends who come back, we walk over there for nostalgia's sake," said A. Mathur.

Accidents do occur at the cliffs somewhat frequently. A student falls off the cliffs almost every year. Junior Andrew Pfisterer fell off the Cliffs last year.

"It happened at midnight. I was completely sober," said Pfisterer. "I stepped over a crack, I stepped over another crack, and there was a person laying in the middle of the rock, so I hopped over



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Sophomore Luke Gangi-Wellman enjoys the view from the cliffs overlooking the Juniata River. The cliffs have been a popular hangout spot for years as indicated by the graffiti on the Ridgeley sandstone formations.

him onto what I thought was a rock, it was actually a tree."

Although he fell about 20 feet and struck the sides of the cliffs several times, Pfisterer was largely unharmed, short of dislocating a few ribs. He still is unable to stay away from the cliffs, and he is not alone.

"I think it's one of the best places on campus to go with your friends, so it's definitely a chill activity. It's a nice place just to talk, catch up, picnic - maybe not at night, but definitely on a nice fall or spring day," said senior Taylor Cox.

Ana C. Guimaraes Marques, an exchange student from Brazil, also commented on its scenery. "It looks like a big painting, but it's true, and you can see so far away on the horizon that you feel small. It's so breathtaking and so near our campus. It's kind of amazing. The trees during fall are wonderful," she said.

Unfortunately, the parking situation will be different now, as S&A Homes, the developing company that owns most of the land in the Highlands, is building a new house across the street.

"There will be no more parking for students on Prospect Avenue or Washington Street next to the cliffs. If students want to go, they will have to walk," said A. Mathur.

The Huntingdon borough will be placing signs to keep people from parking on lawns and police have given tickets to people for inappropriate parking.

"It's upsetting to me, too, because I liked the woods and now it's a house and it changes things. But like anything else at Juniata, in a couple years when students come in and didn't even know that you could park up there, it's not going to be a big deal for them," said A. Mathur.

The Ridgeley sandstone formation is not only known for its vantage points, but also for being a source of mineral wealth.

"If you're heading out of here on 22 toward Harrisburg or Mount Union, you can look off to a big sort of mining operation for it. They actually mine it here. It's one of the purest sandstones on earth. The glass that's in it is actually used in glass telescopes," said R. Mathur. He frequently takes students to the cliffs for lab experiences.

"There's actually shells in there. There are fossils and if you go check it out, it used to be a beach. At that point, geographically speaking, we were much closer to the equator," said R. Mathur.

While the cliffs remain scenic and lovely now, R. Mathur suggested that a bleak future awaits them.

"Millions of years from now everything will flatten out; it will all erode away and they'll crumble down. It won't be that exciting. They won't be 'cliffy' anymore," said R. Mathur.

Students launch Juniata chapter of Her Campus, online magazine

By KATHERINE TOBAR

Juniata College will begin a new chapter of Her Campus online magazine this semester.

"Her Campus is a national blog that a lot of campuses have a page on to tell about their student life, academics and their campus culture," said Genna Kasun, assistant director of advancement communication and chapter advisor of Her Campus.

Senior Stephanie Scavone and junior Morgan Dux, co-presidents of the chapter, will initiate the new section of the magazine for Juniata College.

"Over the summer we were working on campus together and we got the ball rolling and started to apply to have a chapter here, which is a long process. Once we were accepted by Her Campus at the national office to start the Juniata College chapter, we applied to be an RSO (Registered Student Organization) and then once we were approved we started having meetings and working with various students who are interested," said Scavone.

"It is just another place for Juniata to show what our campus life is like and what our community is like. Now in marketing we try to show the great community that is here at Juniata. This is just another place where Steph, Morgan and their team will be able to write and share stories about campus life at Juniata and the things that make Juniata unique. It is really a great service to the students to have a writing experience and to the prospective students to learn about Ju-

niata," said Kasun.

"It is cool that students took the initiative to get Juniata out there online – that is something we do in the marketing department every day," said Kasun.

Juniata's chapter of Her Campus is currently working with the national group to create the site.

"Steph and Morgan are actually working with a representative from Her Campus. They supplied some images for this representative and she is going to start to design our front page on the website, and once we start submitting articles and photographs to her she will start to populate that," said Kasun.

"Our launch date is going to be Nov. 19, so that's when our website will be live and our first set of articles will be published. We are hoping to have something on campus advertising our launch date and advertising the club a little bit more and getting some more members," said Scavone.

Although Her Campus focuses on women's college experiences, the website can be used by everyone. Currently the club has 15 members, but they hope to involve more people, including men. There are many open positions in the club for anyone who is interested in joining.

"Right now it's mostly girls. We are definitely open to having guys and we hope that we get some to write with us or do anything else," said Scavone.

Members of the club expressed

interest in writing for a website that may reach more than just the Juniata community.

"I decided to write for Her Campus because I viewed it as a unique opportunity to write creatively for a national publication. I look forward to writing articles about campus trends, college survival tips and Juniata news and events," said senior Elise Mihranian.

As the launch date approaches, Dux and Scavone are working to increase awareness and generate interest for the publication.

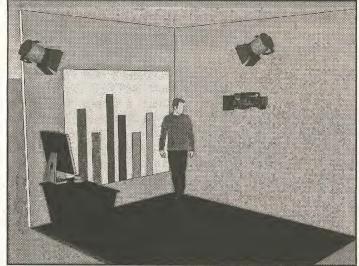
"They are going to be hosting meetings where people can come and learn more about the club to see if they want to write for it, and they're actually going to try to

cooperate with the Juniatian and Kvasir and some of the other organizations on campus that focus on writing and communication," said Kasun.

"It seems it will be a lot of fun and I hope that it gets people interested in Juniata and interested in things that are happening around campus. I hope that if people don't know about Her Campus already, they hopefully will very soon," said senior Kelsey Kohrs. "It will be really encouraging if we receive a lot of support from students and our peers. We could use more interested writers and hope to be an inclusive forum for all students who want to write for Her Campus," said Mihranian.



One Button Studio in BAC



JUSTINE KOBESKI

The "One Button Studio" is a room designed for student and faculty use in creating and recording presentations with the click of a button.

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ment in there if they wanted to and film it."

Students have a choice of using a backdrop to practice PowerPoint presentations or using a green screen for added effects when editing.

Junior Harris Cauler spearheaded the project. He first got the idea this summer when he was visiting Penn State. "We saw the one button studio and I was just amazed by it. I had never even thought of that before. I didn't even know that was a thing – walk in, push one button and then everything just turns on and just works," said Cauler. "Right now, we have all

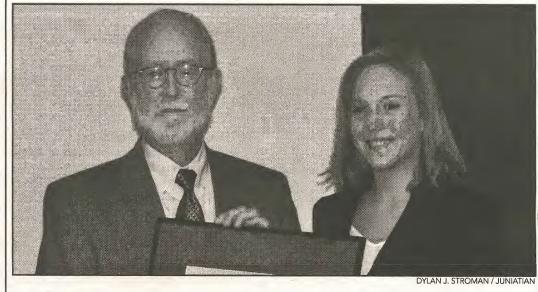
the technology we need. We just need to work on getting the room cleaned and painted."

The studio should be ready for students to use by January.

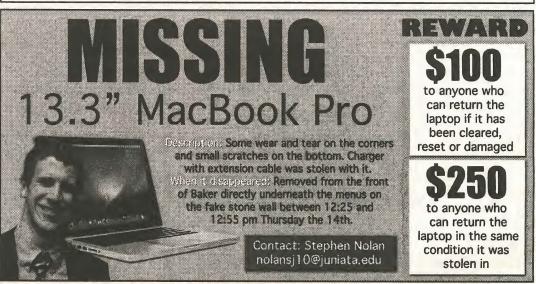
"We can practice job interviewing, think about preparing for the Bailey and having people practice this way," said Dr. Donna Weimer, chair of the communication department.

"Who knows, it might not be used a lot but at the same time even if a few people are using it just a few times a year that makes it more useful than storage," said Edward Smith, an international student from the United Kingdom.

John Neely inducted into Hall of Fame



On Wednesday, Nov. 20, Dr. John E. Neely, a graduate of the Juniata College class of 1968, was officially inducted into the College's official Hall of Fame for the sciences. **Above:** Senior Krista Hammaker presents Neely with his plaque.



Itchy situation seemingly resolved after third heat treatment for bugs

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tionary measures are definitely needed for bedbugs," said Scholl.

Tansi recounted a similar situation in describing his own experience with bedbugs. "A number of days after the heat treatment, Mario (Citron) found one crawling up his arm," said Tansi. "Facilities came by and they couldn't find another. Their policy was that if they would find at least one more, they would go through the heat treatment process again."

According to Juniata's official "Bedbug Policy" found in the Policy Handbook, students should never attempt to address bedbug situations on their own by applying pesticides. Instead, "the College's pest control contractor will be dispatched to the location to perform a thorough inspection."

"Usually when we find out (that there are bedbugs), we can get the contractor in here within one or two days. We would find someone alternative housing while they're doing the cleaning of the room," said Navarro.

The pests invaded two of the five beds in Cloister 1 more severely.

"You could literally lift their mattresses up and the screw-holes were just filled with dead bedbugs," said Weit.

While the residents noted that there have not been any further sightings of bedbugs since the third fumigation, discomfort surrounding the situation remains.

"I haven't even slept in my

bed in the last three weeks," said Glossner. "I'm not scared to sleep in my bed, but I'd rather not."

In discussing residential life's handling of bedbug situations, both the previous and current residents of Cloister 1 agreed that the situation was given the care and attention that it deserved on their part.

"Mr. Cutright (director of residential life) was really cool about it. He immediately responded to us and it's definitely not his fault. He responded quickly to our concerns," said Glossner. "It just sucks that the bugs kept coming back."

Navarro acknowledged the urgency of the situations. "We realize what an inconvenience it is for students, so we want to get it taken care of as soon as possible," said Navarro.

Several of the current residents of Cloister 1 expressed disappointment at not having more relocation options in light of the situation. "They basically said the option for us would be to separate into different East rooms if we wanted to move," said junior Robert Higgins.

"We didn't want to change rooms, we wanted to still all be together," said junior Nicholas Stone-Weiss.

The residents also expressed disappointment that no other form of compensation was offered to make up for the inconvenience.

"I'm bothered by the fact that res-life didn't offer any resolutions or options for reduced housing costs. They did offer us a hotel room for a week-



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The Bedbug Policy in the Policy Handbook stresses that students should not attempt to treat bedbugs on their own by applying pesticides. A pest control contractor treats the infested rooms with extreme heats to exterminate the parasites.

end, but that's so inconvenient," said Higgins.

"Not that we're looking for all kinds of money, but we're paying full price for a room that has bedbugs and water leakage," said

Glossner.

The other primary concern voiced by the current residents of Cloister 1 was that they were never briefed on the prior year's bedbug issues in the room. "We were not informed that this was an issue last year, which was unfortunate," said Weit. "It would've been nice to know," added Glossner.

"Obviously if they had them last year and we have them

this year, they've been in here for a while, especially when the infestation this year was 'pretty bad.' I don't know if it's a matter of not sanitizing the room properly or how they go about cleaning the room when students move out, but there's no way thousands of bedbugs spawned in three weeks, so they have probably been in here for a while," said Glossner. "Maybe properly cleaning it would have helped."

Navarro said that the two bedbug incidents were most likely unrelated.

"I think it was a coincidence. It's very unlikely that

they would've lived through the hot heat in the summer. I think it's just coincidental that it was the same room on multiple cases," said Navarro.

In terms of preventing future instances of bedbugs, Navarro suggested that students should be certain to make themselves aware of their surroundings.

"I think there has been a resurgence of bedbug encounters over the past few years," said Navarro. "It's because there's been more rapid travel over greater distances. It's just about being diligent, being aware and inspecting for bedbugs wherever you are staying."

Increased bias prompts potential expansion of response committee

Due to increased incidents of bias on campus, members of Juniata's bias response team are considering expanding their committee to better respond to the reports.

The bias response team is a group of faculty and student representatives who have experience in either mediating and responding to bias or dealing with issues regarding diversity. The committee responds to any problems that arise on campus and is headed by Dan Cook-Huffman, assistant dean of students and instructor in peace and conflict studies.

"The purpose of a bias response team is to develop educated responses to incidences or perceived incidences of bias on campus," said Cook-Huffman.

"It is not a judicial process," said Rosalie Rodriguez, special assistant to the president for diversity and inclusion and a member of the bias response team. "This is kind of an alternative to a judicial process. It's a way of alerting folks to an incident that happened to you, either anonymously or that you heard about, that can be addressed in an educative way."

Instead of punishing offenders, the main goal of the team is to help students understand how their actions affect others and what they can do to create a safer environment. The committee usually responds to online reports from students.

"You can fill out what happened to you or somebody else and that goes straight to [Assistant Dean of Students] Dan Cook-Huffman," said Rodriguez. "You can either identify yourself or leave it anonymous."

After a report is filed, the committee meets to discuss how to address the situation in a way that will help the victim of bias feel secure while simultaneously educating the student population about the problem.

"Our responses are generated from the group. We sit and discuss how we want to discipline, to reestablish, a sort of meaning for the issue so it becomes educational," said senior Mike Melvin, the bias response team's student representative. "So from the troubles or whatever any student is facing we will learn something and teach the other students to be able to identify these things."

Most of the issues the team deals with involve the misuse of words. These issues can be resolved by making the offender aware that they hurt someone. Crimes that involve bias, or hate crimes, are far less common.

However, recent instances of bias, including hate crimes, have begun to appear more frequently on campus.

"I do think that right now what the bias response team is trying to combat or trying to address is a rise in hate crimes on campus, be those racial, be those homophobic. Regardless of the marginalized identity they are targeting, there has certainly been an increase," said senior Zach Strouse, a member of the diversity and inclusion committee, which works with the bias response team to promote a safer environment for minorities on campus.

"We have more out GLBTQ students, we have more visible students of color, we have more

international students than we've ever had, so the possibility for conflict, or for cultural clashes, is certainly increased."

To combat the problem, the bias response team is in the process of expanding to include a restorative justice group. This group will focus on issues that occur more frequently on campus and will try to help offenders better understand the conflicts.

"We're hoping to implement that as a way to respond to incidents because, just like I mentioned before, [I don't think] just labeling something wrong and kicking students off campus or disciplining them for something they maybe didn't understand fully is an effective way to deal with most of these incidents," said Rodriguez.

In addition to expanding the bias response team, Strouse believes that students must take action as well.

"I believe personally the majority of Juniata students feel that they are supportive of marginalized identities, or people of underrepresented ethnicities and identities," said Strouse, "but I think that that

ties directly into the fact that a lot of students are passive bystanders; when incidences of bias and bias hate crimes occur, the students don't do anything."

Melvin also wants students to play a larger role in bias response. The team cannot respond to incidents if they are unaware of the events.

"Report. Know that you have something at stake, the other students have something at stake, and the campus overall has something at stake whenever an issue occurs and that reporting it will be the best way for everyone to grow from it," said Melvin.

Since the bias response team may not be aware of every issue that occurs, Strouse encourages students who witness these incidents to speak up about them.

"There's 15 or 16 people on the bias response team and there's 1700 students at this school," said Strouse. "Who's going to be the most effective at changing this climate? It's not going to be the 17 people. It's going to be the 1700 people."

Letter to the Editor: Accountability for campus safe zones

we as a college not only encour- hate and violence at Juniata. age diversity, but embrace it, I've about diversity, our eager embrace ebrate the spectrum of diversity.

What are we doing, we tolerant conversations and language. and accepting students, to address down to Facebook and Tumblr.

In Juniata's campus climate me like a much more effective tool where the prevailing rhetoric is that for changing the way we address

We as students are perpetuating come to recognize a dilemma: that bias and discrimination through while I've never stopped hearing active participation as passive bystanders. It would seem ridiculous leaves something to be desired. It to claim that no student at Juniata has been my impression over the would defend the victim of a hate last four years that most students crime they might witness on the at Juniata believe themselves to Quad: in fact, I'd like to think be open, accepting and generally that most students I look up and good people who cultivate this cli-smile at every day would. But it's mate. Yet amidst all this tolerance, the conversations that occur every hate crimes and biased incidents, day, whether in Baker or at East and violence are happening on the or walking down a dorm hallway, same campus that claims to cel- where students are reinforcing discrimination and violence in their

these incidents? We pat each other all 1700 of us don't become active on the back, complain about the participants in the stewardship of administration and turn our heads. Juniata diversity, than all our nice words like tolerance and acceptance one of us to stop being passive who could be who they are without Anyone can point out real or are simply that: words on pamphlets. by standers, and start holding each fear or bias or violence. So you can imagined flaws in faculty and staff. Words that shouldn't be fodder for other accountable for our actions. organizations. But while these jokes against the administration or might have a handful of members, staff, because at the end of the day it cence: each one of us, including participant in making your campus

campus, and 1700 people seem to of the Provost, the President, or against invisible members of the any other employee of this institu- administration while perpetuating tion to cultivate a safe climate for through my words, even without every student.

from one end of the campus to the other on Saturday night concerned could create an uncomfortable enthe body of this school, and we are one is ever going to be perfect, and the only ones who can patrol and I'm not deriding humor or a good check each other, constantly and joke: but the latter is separate from consistently, to cultivate a climate making individuals feel unsafe, where acceptance isn't just a joke, and making others believe it is in but a reality.

There shouldn't have to be safezones on campus, because every inch of Juniata should be safe for each other out on our words and its students, just like each stu- our deeds, nothing on this campus If we don't call each other out, if dent should be supportive of each will ever change. other. And while we may be far away from a utopian commu- it's mission was a diverse and acnity, it's the responsibility of every cepting community of individuals

And I'm not claiming innothere are 1700 of students on this shouldn't be the responsibility alone myself, is guilty of both railing a safe place for everyone.

meaning to, a double-standard. We They don't live here: they don't are all guilty of believing ourselves spend their evenings and weekends to be good people-being good on this campus, they aren't walking people-yet still using language and ignoring remarks that, if heard, about their safety. We students are vironment for another student. No any way permissible to express an identity judgement through violence. And if we don't begin calling

> You chose Juniata well aware that either look up, smile, and look back down: or you can become an active

Honor societies ▶ from HONOR page 1 part of the mission of an honor society, then jump in and be involved. Make it as vital as you can and as it should be; don't just do it to check off a box."

Matter is the faculty advisor of "Beta Beta Beta," a national biological honor society that focuses on disseminating biological knowledge, encouraging intuitive research, and fostering a sense of responsibility and ethics related to biological research. "There is a recognition factor among members of 'Tri-Beta' in terms of a commitment to high-quality research. Honor societies can serve as a network; as you meet people in a different setting, there is acknowledgment of like minded philosophy that goes along with the inclusion in an honor society," said Matter.

Weimer, faculty advisor of "Lambda Pi Eta," a national honor society affiliated with the communication department, echoed Matter's sentiments, noting her expertise in resume writing.

"People do a lot of things to be able to put it on a résumé. I can tell you that if you can't talk [about it] extensively to a point, then don't put in on your resume. One of the things that seems odd about 2013 is that there is less of a concern about the prestige of an honor society," said Weimer.

"I have talked to certain students that have told me they joined a certain honor society just to improve their résumé," said sophomore Carlos Faccio. "These students are missing the point of being a member of an honor society: being involved and experiencing the benefits the society has to offer."

The induction into an honor society garners esteem to individual students, but furthermore benefits Juniata in the sense that the College is able to maintain



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Finding a new solution: Messy kitchens prompt loss of privileges



If you live in Tussey or Terrace, you are likely aware that the kitchen has been closed to residents of the building for several weeks now due to an ongoing problem a given kitchen. with some people using the kitchen you have likely experienced this course of action that the res-life I was a freshman, and I'm sure the problem and asking them to

Obviously, this is a recur-

of the building whose kitchen be considerate of the other resi- absolutely ridiculous. pletely unwarranted and that it disproportionally affects students who are not guilty of leaving messes behind. There are always two sides to an argument however, and I would ask the students to consider the position that the res-life staff is in when the decision is made to close

or a pile of dirty dishes in the sink. initial response to a problem in Even if you don't live in TnT, many of which messes are being made. The sort of situation before. I know staff takes to begin with when a that both the Sunderland and problem is brought to their atten-TnT kitchens were closed for an tion is to have all the RAs email extended period of time when their residents, informing them of that it also happened in the please be better about cleaning up after themselves.

If the problem continues to ocring problem, and one that gets cur, the RAs will email their resiboth res-life staff and residents dents again reminding them to

is closed very aggravated. I have dents and clean up after using the heard many complaints from stu-kitchen. At this point, the RAs dents that the decision by RDs to will most likely be told to inform close a building's kitchen is com- their residents that if the problem continues, the kitchen might be closed. Only after the mess problem proves to be ongoing and after all these things have been done will the RD consider closing the kitchen.

Though some might disagree with me, I would argue that constantly having a building's kitchen First of all, the closing of a in disarray is a real problem. This and leaving a mess on the counters building's kitchen is never the messiness can make the use of the kitchen quite difficult. I personally witnessed this a few weekends ago when the Global Village needed to use the kitchen for one of the dinners they are required to have. When the residents of the Global Village got to the kitchen, which they had reserved far in advance, they found almost every dish in a dirty heaping pile in the sink. These residents had to clean everything they were going to use before they could even begin cooking, which is

Not only that, but when one of the residents was cleaning, they reached into a pot in the sink filled with opaque water, only to discover by cutting her hand that a knife had been left in the pot. This kind of situation is completely unacceptable, and exemplifies for me why measures do need to be taken to discourage circumstances that would allow this to happen.

Now that I have stated the situation as res-life sees it, I would like to take a moment to say that I definitely also understand why residents feel that the closing of their kitchen is unreasonable and unfair. The reality is that students pay a lot of money to live in the dorms, and as a result they expect to have use of the facilities. I do not think this is an unreasonable assumption on their part, which explains their frustration.

Clearly something different should be done to try and resolve this problem, as the current solution, while it does prevent

messes, also causes a fair number of other problems for all building residents.

I believe I have a possible solution, at least for TnT. Instead of closing the kitchen entirely, I would argue that the key should be kept in the res-life office where residents can sign it out in exchange for their gold card if they want to use the kitchen. When that person is done using the kitchen they can return the key to res-life, and confirm that the kitchen was clean when they came in and left. This way, if the kitchen is reported as being messy when someone first comes in to use it, the person who made the mess will then be able to be held accountable.

This is by no means a perfect plan, however I believe it would be a step in the right direction.

Having fewer messes while simultaneously having increased kitchen availability will undoubtedly make all residents more satisfied with their experience.

Letter to the Editor: Bradford is an appropriate security mechanism

(CTS) deploys multi-layer security mechanisms to protect our college network, EagleNet. These mechanisms are put in place to ensure EagleNet remains a reliable and secure network that supports student development and the underlying administrative functions of Juniata College. Bradford Networks' Network Sentry is a network access control (NAC) product which provides device ownership and responsibility as well as a security baseline for a resource that is shared by all members of the campus community. It helps each of us take a shared responsibility in caring for the reliability and security of EagleNet.

We understand that the majority of students live on campus and wish to access a network and have an Internet experience that is close to what is available at home; however, a campus network does not operate with the simplicity of most home networks. While we do not consider the support of gaming device a priority, we have worked with students in the past (and present) to identify gaming issues and provide solutions that help improve their gaming experience on campus. The article in the October 24,

override to allow a Wii U to access a wired connection on EagleNet to access the Internet, rather than using the self-registration portal to do this. Actually, before the Fall 2013 semester, all gaming consoles had to be registered manually. Students had to submit a ticket to CTS, then an employee would manually register the device. The new process is more user friendly for the majority of gaming device users. The Wii U is currently an exception and needs to be registered the old way. I feel our staff has been quick to respond to these issues and has worked to find solutions which are now repeatable for other Wii U users.

The article mentioned a perception that users are immediately forced into Remediation within a short period of time after Microsoft releases updates. We have made changes to reduce the disruptiveness of Bradford and the remediation process over the past few years. of all student registered computers every 2 weeks, with the scan scheduled to happen one week after Mi-

Campus Technology Services 2013 issue of The Juniatian raised and not a fair trade for the security concern over the need for a manual benefits it gave. At the beginning of the Spring 2013 semester, we implemented a 2 scans per semester policy. Every device is scanned at the beginning of the semester as students arrive back to campus. The second scan happens within the semester at a time that has the least impact on students. This Fall, the scan was started on October 1st. Next Spring, the mid-semester scan is scheduled for March 25,

Is Bradford's Network Sentry an appropriate mechanism? As the concept of BYOD (Bring Your Own Device) continues to create added pressure on the reliability and security of EagleNet, as well as increase pressure on CTS to assist with a larger variety of devices, we feel very strongly that a NAC system continues to be an appropriate mechanism. there will always be lag time between the release of new technology and various vendors, includ-There used to be a forced re-scan ing NAC, that disadvantage does not outweigh the value that we get in device ownership, network security and shared responsibility. crosoft released patches. We found Bradford Networks, having a large

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tion, continues to work proactively with colleges and universities to produce a reliable product that is sensitive to the constant evolution of technology.

Definitions:

EagleNet - Juniata's campus network infrastructure which connects all buildings together on the same physical data and voice network. It supports connectivity to all internally hosted server resources.

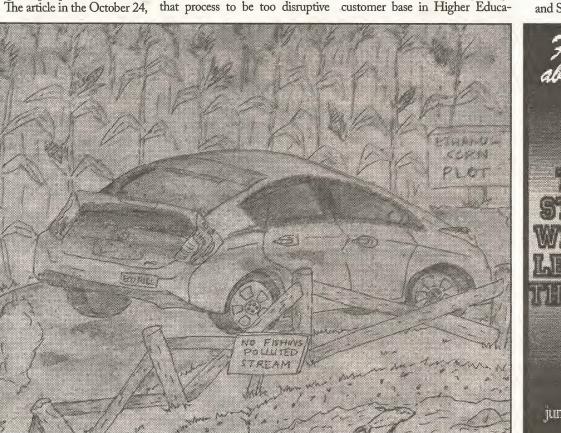
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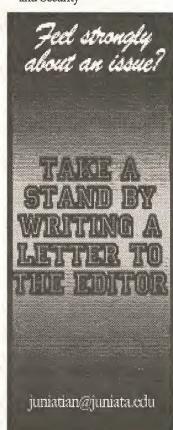
Bradford Networks' Network Sentry - Network access control (NAC) solution for requiring identification and security baselines for all devices that connect to EagleNet via a wired or wireless connection.

Internet connection - The gateway to all computing resources that are not a part of EagleNet.

To obtain assistance with technology on campus or to report an issue with technology, please open a ticket at https://jcticket.juniata.

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National championship hopes fall short in regional play

By STEPH PAGLIARO

With the Landmark conference championship already under their belt, the women's volleyball team headed into the post-season with

The Eagles finished their regular season play with a record of 30-4. Their tactics for success throughout the season involved working as a team and taking one

step at a time.
"Taking it one day at a time has been really important for us," said head coach Heather Pavlik. "We talk about the fact that if you improve by just a little tiny bit each day, it adds up until the end of the year. And they've done a really good job with that."

"Working together as a team has been really key for us," said junior middle hitter Christine Sumner. "Coach always talks about how we should focus on only our next upcoming match instead of looking too far down the road. I think that's been very important for us."

After beating Scranton on Friday, Nov. 8 in the Landmark Semifinals, the team advanced to the Landmark championship game. On Saturday, Nov. 9, the Eagles took down Susquehanna University to win the Landmark Conference crown.

This is the seventh consecutive year that women's volleyball has won the Landmark championship.

Heading into postseason, Juniata was selected as one of eight host sites for the regional round of the NCAA Division III women's volleyball tournament. They also earned a No.1 seed in the tour-



Freshman Kelly Reynolds sets the ball for a hit by fellow freshman Mar-Jana Phillips. After winning the Landmark Conference title, the Eagles finished a phenomenal season last weekend with a 3-2 loss in the NCAA regional playoffs against Stevenson College.

nament. Additionally, the team climbed one spot to No. 8 in the American Volleyball Coaches Association Top-25 poll.

During the NCAA tournament, the team's plan was to focus on playing as a team. "We just need to take it one set at a time and stay focused and in the moment, not looking forward," said freshman setter Kelly Reynolds.

"It's very important for us to keep a level head and for us to focus on what we need to do as a team," said Sumner. "We need to focus on our success as a team, and that also includes seeing the importance of each and every person on the team."

The season helped prepare the team for the level they hoped to be playing at during playoffs. "We played a pretty tough schedule, so that's really helped us," said Reynolds. "We also have had some things happen that were unexpected, but that's going to happen in playoffs. Anything could happen, so the curve balls that we've been thrown have prepared us."

"Every year we try to put together a really competitive schedule. We've played some of the best teams in our region and some of the best teams in the country, understanding that this will give us an idea of what level we're going to need to play at to be successful later in the season," said Pavlik. "I think they're prepared. They know the level of the very best."

Entering the regional round of the NCAA tournament, the team had big goals. Many team members had noted winning the national championship as their biggest goal. When asked whether they thought the team had the potential to do so, team members did not hesitate.

"Absolutely. We have a lot of tal-

ent this year. We've got some big hitters and our defense has really come along," said senior outside hitter Amy Miller. "We have a really strong team bond between everyone, and I think that's something that we've been missing a little bit of the past few years."

"I think we have the potential to do it. We have a really deep team throughout every position. We could really put anyone on the court, which is a great quality of our team," said Reynolds.

Pavlik also believed that the team was capable of achieving this goal. "If they play well together as a team, I think they will be in every match they play the whole way through the championship. Obviously, there are some things we can't control, but I think playing together as a team will help no matter what."

Pavlik's goal for the team was simply to see them perform at as high of a level as possible. "I would like to see them play together as a group the best they can play. I don't know that we've done that yet. This group can be very good if they play their best game all at the same time."

In their first round of regionals on Nov. 15, the Eagles faced off against Gallaudet University. They came away with a 3-1 win to advance to the regional semi-finals.

On Saturday Nov. 16, the team took on Stevenson University in the regional semi-finals. After a tough battle, the Eagles lost 3-2. Although their season ended short of their ultimate goal, the team finished with a record of 31-5 and a Landmark conference title.

Experience leads to high expectations for women's basketball

By Bobby Moodispaugh

The Juniata women's basketball team is preparing for another solid season. They finished last year with a record of 19-9, 9-5 in the conference. The Landmark preseason poll predicted that the team will finish third in the conference.

"The most important thing for us right now is gaining team chemistry and learning how to play off one another. We have brought in multiple freshmen and a new sophomore. We are working on getting them up to speed and the returners are getting back into game shape after a sum-mer apart," said senior forward Kate McDonald.

McDonald was one of the team's biggest playmakers last year, leading the Eagles in points and re-bounds per game. "Kate has been a really big player for us since our freshman year. She brings a calming sense to the team since she has been in most situations before," said senior guard Jordan Hileman.

"Kate helps us with our communication. She is very verbal and we are able to feed off of her energy during games. She establishes a positive work ethic that the rest of the team works up to," said junior guard Kelsey Livoti.

"I really want to focus on rebounding and getting steals. The points will come. If not, then someone else on the team can step up in that category. Focusing on rebounds sets me up for opportunities to score, but I like to focus on the lesser-known statistics," said McDonald.

Two of the team's starters last year, Jordan Speck and Natalie Glinsky, graduated and the team is working on filling those voids in the lineup. "It is always tough losing players from year to year, but I see it as an opportunity for younger players to step into those roles. We have some freshmen and sophomores who can step up into the lineup. The ball is in their court to do so," said head coach Danny Young-Uhrich.

"I see Paige Dennison stepping up and being a big player for us this year. She has a quick first step and has really good shooting ability. She plays a lot bigger than she actually is and can finish around the hoop," said Hileman.

"Paige has improved drastically over the summer. She increased her level of quickness and aggressiveness. She has just become a more confident all-around player," said McDonald.

Last year's team had a dynamic offense that ranked atop the Landmark Conference in scoring. "We do not have a lot of big bodies in the paint to finish being a small team. We shoot a lot of threes, but hopefully this year, we can get a lot of layups and cuts to the hoop. If we are facing a defense that needs to defend twenty feet from the hoop, it really opens up the paint," said Young-Uhrich.

The team mainly relied on those three-point shots last year, leading the conference in three-point field goals attempted and made.

"I was never a big fan of the three-point shot. I was old school up until five years ago when I had



Junior Kelsey Livoti dribbles up the court in the Juniata women's basketball home opener against the Frostburg State University Bobcats. The Eagles defeated the Bobcats 111-58 to improve to 3-0. They will face Gwynedd-Mercy College on Saturday Nov. 23

a kid that led the nation in threepoint shooting percentage. The fact that she could change the game in a matter of thirty seconds changed my philosophy. That same year, we had two six-footers in the paint that really needed that space," said Young-Uhrich.

On the opposite side of the ball, the team's defense struggled and finished sixth in the conference in that category. "We need to communicate better. Since our first practice, one of our goals during each practice is to communicate, communicate, communicate. You can mess up on defense and still be talking and be able to recover if someone loses their girl," said McDonald.

"We are always working on defense. Kids want to play offense and I do not want to take that away from them, but every

now and then, you need to insert some defensive philosophies. From day one, that is all we work on. We hammer on those defensive principles and we hope that translates to the game," said Young-Uhrich.

Livoti agrees: "We have been working on defense during every practice. Offense has always come natural to us and we are able to rely on our talent. On defense, we have to rely on hard work."

The team struggled last year against the top tier teams of the conference, losing three times to Catholic University and twice to Moravian College. "Luckily, Catholic graduated four of their five starters. I think the team to beat this year will be Moravian. When the preseason poll came out, they were number one. They have a solid group of players returning," said Young-Uhrich.

With the Eagles returning a good core of players, the girls have high expectations for the season. "We want to go out and compete hard in every game, just being able to wear Juniata across our chests and play as a unit working for a common goal. One of our goals is to win the Landmark Conference championship, but beyond that, we also want to make it into the NCAA tournament," said Hileman.

"I would expect us to be in the top two in the conference. It is a high expectation, but Jordan and I know what it takes to win a championship with a small group and we want to instill that in our teammates," said McDonald.

The Eagles' next game is on Saturday, Nov. 23 at Gwynedd-Mercy University.

Football earns first ECAC berth

By AAREN SELLERS

The Juniata College football program has been in the midst of turning itself around and this year proved to be a season of vast improvement and success. With a final record of 7-3, the Eagles ended with the most wins in a season since 1990, and earned the first ECAC bid in the program's history.

"Our whole mindset has changed. In the past, our goals were just to stay in games but now we go out looking to win games and blow people out. The coaches have different mindsets and the players are really caring. Players are actually here to win and make something happen, not just to say that they play a varsity sport. It's a great change to see happening," said junior wide receiver Isaiah Slutter.

"I think that we have continued with our motto that we can never give up and we have to always improve. We've seen great maturity in our football team this season, we are just staying focused on the process and getting things done," said head coach Tim Launtz.

Compared to last season's record of 3-7, the Eagles have been working hard to make this season's success possible.

"The workouts that Coach Smith gave us became a lot more intense. Our demeanor this year was to just step on the field and look to win. Last year we were just trying to stay in each game. This year we had the mindset that we could really make something happen," said sophomore defensive back Nick Bonavita.

"This season has been great to be honest. We've exceeded expectations that the College has given us. For us, we knew that we could do this because we've been around each other long enough to know what we are capable of. But it's nice to see that the college has more faith in us and that we are able to continue to give them that faith," said Slutter.

"It's just a complete turn around. Last year we were in a building stage. ... We knew we had a lot of people coming back this year and we were just ready to go at it." said Bonavita.

The team's style of play has not changed much compared to past seasons. Instead, the main difference is the their cohesion.

"Defensively, for the most part, it's just the fact that we are more together this year. There is no weak spot in our defense when we stick together. With offense, we have a new coordinator and the first game he was here we put up 41 points. That in itself really speaks for our improvement," said Bonavita.

"Defensively, the guys seem to mesh well together. We know that we have to work hard for each other; missing one key block could completely end a play. Knowing that we have to depend on each other has brought us very close and made us successful," said sophomore offensive lineman Frank Marin.

The team believes their mentality is the key to their success. Being able to stay focused on the task at hand and remain a strong family unit is proving to be very important to the program.

"Coach Launtz uses the analogy that we are all poker chips and that we had to constantly go all in this season to get the results that we wanted, meaning that we needed to put everything on the line for each other and have each other's backs," said Marin. "We knew we needed to bring joy back into the sport of football here at Juniata and we did our best to do that."

As the season closes, players reflect back on the goals that the team had throughout the season. Overall, the team is satisfied with where they are now.

"The team goals, I feel, are to always stay focused on our performances and not concern ourselves with the outcome because we have to understand that the performance will therefore dictate the outcome," said Launtz.

"Our main goal was just to be the best that we could, and we really did that. We lost more games than we wanted to, but overall our season has been great. Ending 7-3 is such an improvement – that's history here at Juniata," said Bonavita.

"One of the things about this football team that is so impressive is that they actually care about one another. This is a very good team; They understand that the team is greater than the individual. On both sides of the ball we have made vast improvement. There are many things to be quite proud of, but I think the most important thing with this team is how they have demonstrated how much they care for one another and how much they play for one another," said Launtz.

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Seven seniors look to lead men's basketball to conference title

By CHRIS BEALL

There is a lot of expectations for a season when a team is coming off of their best one in program history. The men's basketball team is no exception. Last year they finished second in the conference and went on to win the ECAC tournament. After a great finish in the conference and an ECAC championship, there are many people expecting this team to do a great things this year.

"We lost two very big parts of our team in Alex Raymond and Nate Higgins. Alex is considered to be the winningest player ever in team history. He has the most wins under his belt, so of course that is a lot of experience that we are losing, but we have a great group of seniors that we can build off of," said senior Jeremy Hays.

The team needs to rely on building team chemistry this season. They have a lot of seniors and a lot of underclassmen and even some freshmen seeing playing time.

"We need to make sure that we build our chemistry as soon as we can. If we can come together and become a team, we will be able to do some pretty cool things this year. The seniors have a lot of experience and we are going to use that experience to lead this team," said senior Pat Cassidy.

"The seniors are going to lead by example, be the driving point and take on a lot of the burden. The younger guys are going to help us be better, and in return we are going to do the same thing for them. To start the season we need to build as a team and get together more often. Once we start to play games and start to get that cohesiveness, then we will be just fine," said Hays.

"Chemistry is the biggest part of every team. If you have all the talent in the world but no chemistry, you will lose every game. I would rather have a lot of chemistry with some talent than the most talented guys and no chemistry. I think we are starting to get that good mix of chemistry and it is only going to get better as the season goes along. We have a good bit of talent and now we need to come together," said senior Dimitri Ross.

The team has several returners that have seen significant playing time throughout their careers. This experience is vital in order for their success.

"We have a couple of seniors that have played 28 minutes a game since they were freshmen. Then we have seniors that have had a role to come off the bench and provide a spark and energy. They know what to expect from the game now and what they have to do to be ready. It's good for the freshmen to see that if you don't play right away that you shouldn't get discouraged," said Hays.

"Our experience is a great thing to have. Since we have seven seniors, we have a lot of experience. Most of us have seen a lot of playing time over the course of our careers. We know what we need to do to get ready for games and how to stay focused. We need to make sure that the underclassmen

understand that. We need to take it upon us to make sure that everyone is staying focused and buying into what we need to do in order to win," said Cassidy.

"Our goal is to be the best team that we can be. Even if we lose, we want to make sure that we learn from it. If we win and don't learn anything from it then it can be just as destructive as a loss. We want to make sure we learn from every game so we are building toward being the best team that we can be by the end of the season. Of course, we would like to win the Landmark Conference championship for the first time in school history and get into the NCAA tournament," said Hays.

"We want to be able to say that Nov. 23 against Pitt-Bradford.

we are the best team we could have been. We want to be the best that we can be so we can do what we need to do in order to win. We believe that if we play at our best and be the best team that we can be, the wins will take care of themselves. If we do that, then the Landmark championship is not a goal that is too high. As long as we take care of the things that we need to do, then the season will go the way we want it to," said Ross.

The men's basketball team has been picked to finish second overall in the Landmark Conference. They have opened the season with a record of 2-1 in their first three games. The Eagles' next game is their home opener on Saturday Nov 23 against Pitt-Bradford



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Living with AIDS: one Juniata man dedicates his life to others



As a writer, I cannot publish anything that I am not passionate about or doesn't allow people to feel some kind of emotion, whether you agree or not with me. This passion has led to a level of honesty, care and vulnerability that I hope is respected by my readers. The following article is written and arranged by me, but told in the words of a fellow Juniata student whom I hope I have done justice for, so please take the time and consideration and open your hearts to this moving narrative and inspirational student.

"I'm gay. But that doesn't define why I have AIDS.

On Christmas Eve in 1990, I was at the wrong place at the wrong time in Central Park.

Over 700 stitches and 20 years later, I'm here at Juniata, in the classroom waiting for my day to begin and counting down the days until May 17, 2014, when I cross the stage for not only me, but my sister who died of cancer while finishing her degree 11 years ago, for you, for those who are living with AIDS and those who have already lost their battle.

My journey began 23 years ago on this very campus; a campus where I lied to those, such as Russ Shelley, whom I admire and love with all of my heart, and told that I had cancer.

I was scared.

The early 1990s was still the discovery phase and most people's reactions were to push people with AIDS away, and I didn't want to

be one of those people. I wanted to sing. I wanted to sing in choir because it was the only thing that I knew for certain, at that time, was going to keep me alive.

During high school I was dealing with continuous child abuse at home and singing is what helped me survive. It took me away from the memories of the suffering I was enduring, and it still does. After being assaulted, people told that I was worthless and in addition to turning to my faith, I turned to music.

Time has stood still for those twenty years; there was no interruption anywhere. Shelley still helps me to travel to safe places.

Yet, I'm frustrated now. The medications treat me horribly. This semester my classes begin at 9am, and I leave by 8am to travel the three blocks to school. What people don't realize is that one HIV pill is equivalent to a chemotherapy session.

I take over 100 pills and give myself six shots every day.

I take 28 AIDS-related pills, and the other 72 are to help the side effects.

I leave so early because almost every morning I regurgitate my pills or breakfast, so I'll have to either go home and change my clothes or stop several places along the way to school.

But it's okay.

I'm still blessed. Even living with AIDS and hating to call my doctor when I even feel as if I might be getting sick, I consider myself blessed.

There are many people in Huntingdon County who don't have the access to the same medication that I do. However, even with these meds I still fall ill.

It bothers me seeing other stu-

dents who cough and sneeze who don't cover their mouths or noses. It is inconsiderate to those who sit in your desk afterwards because you just don't know who you are putting at risk.

I have a compromised immunity. Every semester since I returned to Juniata in 2010, I have gotten sick. Generally, people with AIDS don't die from complications of the virus; they die from pneumonia. I've taken off two or three weeks twice a school year because I've gotten pneumonia.

As a matter of fact, I almost did a couple of weeks ago.

But my diagnosis that was given to me on December the 17th in 1992 at 11:17 am does not define or stop me.

I believe that everything happens for a reason. This happened to me because I'm supposed to make a difference. We can use our bad experiences to help other people deal with their own.

I was diagnosed with AIDS and I've never once been upset about it, never once questioned 'why?' I learned not long ago that instead of asking 'why' all the time we should ask, 'what for?'

If we spend so much time asking 'why,' then we're never going to get an answer. But if we ask 'what for,' sometimes the answer's right in front of us.

For me, I sat and asked for years and years, 'Why did I get raped?' but the moment I asked, 'What for?' I realized that it was not so much about me anymore, but the countless other people who were diagnosed after me.

Most people diagnosed around the same time as me have died. Since 1992, I have dealt with heart attacks, several strokes, had emergency back surgery, deal with mild brittle bone disease, paralyzed for a little over two weeks, diagnosed with cancer twice, have fat distribution to my stomach and deal with blindness from time to time. I receive encouragement and support from those angels who have already lost their battles.

Two or three years after I was diagnosed, I was a volunteer at the Gay Men's Health Center in New York City for about a month, and I got the opportunity to meet Mother Theresa. It was like meeting God himself, herself, however you want to look at it. She told me, 'No life is worth living unless lived for someone else.'

I just look like the old guy, the fat guy, the bald guy on campus, but I am the old fat bald guy with a purpose. My purpose is to make other people, like you, have a better life than I've had of my own.

You deserve to have a perfect-life. You deserve to have what is missing from my own life – happiness and to feel loved again.

My dream, my goal, my hope is that through living what I've lived through, in some small strange way, I can help you find the pieces to your peace; the peace that I don't have. It is more important for me to hold your hand and help you cross the street to find those pieces.

I've never learned how to be angry or hold grudges. By the time I rethink what you said or did, you're already forgiven.

I'm still in touch with the families of the five guys who attacked me. We're friends... actually I view them as an extension of my family. Two of the moms are the first people who send me birthday and Christmas cards. It wasn't their fault, so why should I be angry with them?

While I was being assaulted

for almost four and a half hours, I was praying the Lord's Prayer. There's a line that says 'forgive us our trespassers as we forgive those who trespass against us," and I later thought to myself, 'what kind of Christian am I if I couldn't forgive them?'

I got a chance to go back to New York after I was diagnosed, and I went to the hospital where two of the men, who had done the worst damage to me, were and I hugged them both and told them there was nothing for them to be sorry for, that everything was okay, and I prayed with them both.

When I got back home to Huntingdon, I was notified that they both had passed. I think they just needed to know that they were forgiven for what they did.

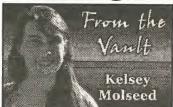
I hate when people don't look at the whole person. People are very quick to judge somebody else. I don't know where you've been in your shoes and you don't know mine. You're getting a glimpse into what I've walked through, but I'm always happy to help you understand my journey.

Today, 20 years later, I am finally at a place where I feel very safe and I am here doing the best that I can to make this college experience better than anything I ever envisioned for myself. I am looking forward to, but also fearful of leaving the nest. The greatest act of love a mother bird does for her babies is to give them their first push when they are afraid to spread their wings and take off. Once they know what their wings are for and that in order for them to soar, they had to spread their wings and fly.

I know I am destined to make a difference, to soar.

I'm James Taylor, and I'm living for you."

Looking through the haze to 1977: "smokers" set dorm on fire



For the last issue of the semester, here is an article from 1977 about a fire in North dorm, today known as Sunderland. The piece takes a strange turn halfway through the second paragraph.

At first, I wondered if this article might be a prank. The references to the freshman football player's teddy bear and the RA calling his mom for advice in response to a dorm fire were simply too much. However, the article was indeed published in an actual issue of the Juniatian. Somewhere the world, there is a Juniata alum who graduated between 1978 and 1981 probably still laughing about the mischief and strange Juniatian article caused by this fire. I would not typically condone arson, but I do commend the unknown firestarter for prompting this bizarre

North Dorm Scene of "Smokers"

November 10, 1977 (Text is taken exactly from the original article)

Last Sunday night at about 10:30pm, there was a small fire in Northwest Dorm. Apparently something was ignited and thrown down the trash chute, setting the trash in the basement on fire. The basement sprinkler system was activated, and, as the hallways began to fill with smoke, the alarms were pulled.

Questioned afterwards, several residents in the dorm commented on the incident. Apparently, many of them originally passed off the entire business as a joke, at first, and even when the fire was

discovered to be "for real," the general reaction was quite a bit below panic.

As one second floor dweller put it "I thought 'Holy ----, they must be burning a couple of lbs.', so I sprinted, and I saw the smoke coming out of the dumpster. I was about to dive down, but my finer instincts told me the smoke wasn't the right kind, so—I went back to my room."

Chuck Parsons, who with Tim Moore are the self-professed discoverers of the source of the fire, gave this dramatic account, "We saw the smoke coming out of the trash chute and ran downstairs to the boiler room. We felt the door—it was hot, and water was rushing out." Doug Wood, first floor RA, added, "I alertly called my mom, and asked her what I should

do." The alarm was soon spread.

The only person seen to panic was a certain freshman football player who realized that his Teddy Bear was still inside. Some first floor residents commented, "We thought it was a KKK meeting, so we weren't too alarmed." One second floor resident felt that a lesson was to be learned from the entire affair—"Not to have sex on Sunday night at 10:30—the heat's a little too intense."

Actually, there are a few things to be learned. First, although nothing extremely serious came of the affair, the consequence that most upset the Northwest residents was that neither the sprinklers not the alarms can be turned off very easily.

It was necessary to turn

offthe dorm's water supply to stop the sprinklers, and the water wasn't turned on again until Monday morning, so whoever started the fire really did inconvenience everyone else, and that could have been only for starters.

Mr. Linetty, who arrived about fifteen minutes after the fire was discovered, is to be commended for his promptness. Also, in all seriousness, Doug Wood commented, "The students handled the situation pretty well." They must have, as nearly everyone who was asked comment reported helping to spread the alarm. It all sounds a big joke now, like but the smoke said to be rather bad, and everyone took the incident calmly.

Touchscreen cell phones are more dangerous than one may think



I do it all the time.

You do it too.

You notice it, I notice it. We cannot deny it.

I know it is bad for me. I tell myself I will tone it down.

I promise myself that it will get better. It never did. I never stopped. I hope that by writing this, I will tone it down and maybe, just maybe, you will too.

Last weekend I ended up at JC Blair. I knew I had pink eye and everyone told me not to worry. They dsaid it would get better in a day

They were wrong.

It got worse. I could not stop scratching my eyes. My vision became blurry, blinking was painful and my eyes looked redder than apples. The doctor in the ER explained that I had a bacterial infection and I had to start taking antibiotics. A p parently, it could have been even

I could have had diarrhea, pneumonia, strep throat or many other infections caused by bacteria.

Because of my cellphone.

For all of those who own a touch screen phone, that greasy smear is, according to Michael Schmidt, professor and vice chairman of microbiology and immunology at the Medical University of South Carolina, home to 2,700 and 4,200 units of bacteria. Furthermore, in an article by ScienceDaily, cellphones are reported to carry 10 times more bacteria than most toilet seats.

Harmful bacteria are not the only worry for cellphone users. My cellphone use can also explain why I have gained weight since the second semester of my freshman year. Believe it or not, I spent the fall of 2010 without a cellphone.

What does weight gain have to do with cellphone use though?

Remember when most of us had to beg our parents for 30 minutes of computer time in fifth grade? I remember how hard it was to get screen time since my two older brothers always had to use it for homework, or so they said.

My parents would limit our time in front of the screen. They would tell us that, by using the computer too often, we would become sedentary and our eyes would stop functioning as well.

They were right and those same



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medical complications are directly transferable to cellphone use.

Jacob Barkley, associate professor of exercise science at Kent State University in Ohio, explained how people now walk more slowly to the bus stop because they are texting on their way. Instead of going to the park for a run, they stop every two seconds to take a picture of the scenery and upload it to Instagram.

Mindless eating is also an obesity causing issue. Eating while texting or while using multimedia apps on your cellphone does not allow your brain to process your food intake.

Instead of stopping at the second slice of pizza in Baker, you head to the pizza line to get three more. Not surprisingly, then, too much screen time increases your risk to become obese.

Obesity can lead to several medical complications such as type II diabetes, gallbladder disease, stroke, cancer and sleep apnea, a disorder in which your breathing repeatedly stops and starts. The list

My parents were also right about eyestrain. As reported in Harvard's Health Publications, staring at a screen all day will contribute to eyestrain or tired eyes. The Mayo Clinic explains how eyestrain makes you tired and reduces your ability to concentrate. In some cases, it can take days before the symptoms are reversed after treatment.

What can you do to protect

Stop taking your cell phone to the bathroom. Even if you are not one of your peers who text or answer the phone while inside the bathroom, the process of putting your phone down beside the sink causes germ transfer.

Apple recommends that you use a soft, slightly damp, lint-free cloth to clean your phone. They tell customers not to use window cleaners, household cleaners, aerosol sprays, solvents, alcohol, ammonia or abrasives to clean the iPhone.

To avoid glare and harsh reflections on your cell phone, adjust the backlight intensity. Whenever you are staring at your cellphone for long periods, make a conscious effort to blink regularly so that your eyes stay well lubricated and do not dry out.

How can you tone it down?

Avoid walking and texting. Avoid the urge to immediately respond to e-mails, add pictures to Instagram, write a status on Facebook or check your grade on Moodle. When you leave your bag outside Baker, do the same with your cellphone. Tone it down, if not for the sake of your mental sanity, for the sake of not becoming a new type of couch potato.

The importance of community in and out of the Juniata bubble'



Why do people go to churches? Why do people go to bars? More generally, why do people go to places where they can interact with other people?

The answers to these questions can vary from person to person, but often the answer to all of them is simple: community.

Community is an essential part of the human experience. Whether we find it sitting on a bar stool on Saturday night, in a church pew Sunday morning, or, God forbid, maybe even both, most people require interactions with others in order to live a fuller, healthier life than they could alone.

Community provides people with many things they need. At its best, it can provide affirmation, while at the same time challenging an individual to encourage personal growth.

At Juniata, I imagine that, for the most part, I am preaching to the choir. Ask any tour guide and they will tell you that Juniata's community is one of our top selling points shared with prospective students. If you ask current students, faculty, staff or administration, many of them will tell you that Juniata's close-knit community is one of the reasons they chose to come here.

At Juniata, our community is something to be held in high regard. We have a generally friendly atmosphere, where students can engage with professors and make

personal and professional connections that will benefit them in years

Students also have the chance to develop close friendships among peers that can last a lifetime. Traditions like Mountain Day, Storming of the Arch, and Madrigal all bring students together and help form strong bonds between friends. Outside of the well-known traditions, the fact that Juniata students all go through many of the same experiences together in the same place brings us all closer in ways that those outside the Juniata community would have a hard time understanding.

All of the high praise for Juniata's community might have alerted you to the fact that, first, I am a tour guide and second, I really love this place! Students come here for different reasons, but I imagine many

of my peers would echo my fond feelings toward this institution.

However, the cynic in me must have his say too. Juniata's community is laudable, to be sure. But students, if they are not careful, can find it easy to live their four years of college in the "Juniata bubble," often oblivious to the goings-on of the world outside of Huntingdon.

When students graduate and have to move on to a new place in their life and their careers, that bubble can burst very quickly.

Believe it or not, the rest of the world does not just randomly cancel all professional obligations one day each fall. You will not always get to eat steak and lobster while you consider all the different activities which could occupy your free time. Additionally, in most places, walking through an archway is really no big deal.

The point is that the rest of the world does not work like Juniata. Sooner or later, all Juniata students have to prepare themselves to enter into that world. The more a student is able to become involved in the community and in activities outside of Juniata, the better prepared he or she will be for life after college. Outside internships are great ways to get this outside involvement while still enrolled at Juniata.

In some ways, the relationship between a student and the Juniata community could be compared to a dating relationship. The students and the College are each looking for something in their lives, and each finds something of value in

However, in some ways it is a bad idea to get "too serious" in a relationship with a college. You

probably are not going to "marry" Juniata. Chances are you will move on to "someone else."

So enjoy it while it lasts. Eat your lobster at Lobsterfest, get mangled at Storming of the Arch, lose sleep tenting for Madrigal and make the most of every Mountain Day.

Develop close friendships. Make connections with your professors. Get involved on campus in clubs and other activities.

But in the midst of all this, try not to forget that sooner or later, it has to come to an end. Keep your future in mind, and let your relationship with Juniata grow you into the person you want to become as you move forward.

Enjoy this relationship while it lasts. But always remember that Juniata is not the end goal, it is only a stepping stone in the path of your life.



Search for Grove's



By Spencer VanHoose

Juniata has had many variations on the 16th century tradition of Madrigal, perhaps making the campus tradition too exclusive of non-Christian religions.

"Madrigal is an old, old tradition. It's interesting to me that we even call this Madrigal because it was not religious, per se," said Reverend David Witkovsky, campus Chaplain.

"In the 16th century, these were extravagant events. They were feasts served by the wealthy people, and if you received an invitation it was a big deal," said Russell Shelley, Elma Stine Heckler professor of music. "These songs at these events were all about love; love lost, love found. I don't think it was attached to a time of year. It was not a Christian feast, it wasn't sponsored by the church - it was just a party."

In the 1990s, Juniata had an event that actually resembled the real Madrigal feast.

"We wanted to have a Medieval/Madrigal dinner concept here at Juniata. We had a chamber choir here at the time, which had 16 to 20 singers, and it was town-gown, which is a term used for collegeuniversity groups that have town members," said Shelley.

"It was performed in Carnegie Hall which held 70 guests a night for three nights," said Shelley. Though the dinner attracted alumni and people from the community, it was not considered a student event since the tickets were \$50 each.

"The evening would start with a procession where we would come in and sing a wassail song. There was a full wait staff and they would come in with these cups of wassail on these big platters, and we were fully decked out in 16th century garb. We would march around the inside of the tables and sing the three English wassail songs and then everyone would be served," said Shelley. "Then after, there

would be a horn call, and the men in the choir would march in to the 'Boar's Head Carol' and we would have a real boar's head with an apple in the mouth and everything. We wanted it as authentic as we could make it. We would later get on the risers and sing four or five real renaissance Madrigal songs."

This was followed by a threecourse dinner with more singing and skits performed by the choir.

"We would then close the night by all singing Christmas carols, similar to what they do at the student Madrigal," said Shelley.

Juniata's student Madrigal is different in the way it is celebrated.

"It's a borrowed term, let's say," said Shelley.

"Ours is first and foremost a dinner, and what makes ours unique is that it's a dinner served by the faculty and staff. I think that's what makes it fun; it's a chance to sort of turn the tables in a sense," said Witkovsky. "We have incorporated a more diverse religious aspect to Madrigal, but the true Madrigal tradition has nothing to do with any religion."

There is concern that the current Madrigal dinner is too exclusive to people of other faiths since the dinner is more Christmas oriented.

"By virtue of being a Juniata tradition, it should be more inclusive. It should be open to the entire Juniata community without being terribly offensive to anyone," said Witkovsky.

"It's offensive if I force you to participate in something that makes you uncomfortable. If an event is opened with prayer, and the prayer says in Jesus' name, there's a perception that you are being disrespectful if you are not bowing your head or not standing, so then you are being compelled to participate and that, to me, is offensive," said Rosalie Rodriguez, special assistant to the president for diversity and inclusion.

Madrigal may be opened with a Christian prayer, but other religions participate as well. "We try



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A number of participants in 2012's Madrigal celebration. From left to right, sophomores Taylor Stefanik, Carissa Kelly, Nicole Jordan, Melissa Topping, Hannah Morris, Lauren Wilson, Olivia Hayden-Pless, Brooke Walls, Lauren Steigen and Johanna Sites.

to include everyone in Madrigal, so we have a representation from Hillel and MSA (Muslim Student Alliance) to give a blessing at the beginning, which I think is more inviting to people to know that it's not all about Dave Witkovsky giving the grace," said senior Oyinlola Lesi, vice president of finance of Juniata's activities board. "You know you got Hillel doing their thing and MSA saying an Arabic prayer, which I think is pretty cool to get everyone involved."

"I guess the only time they may feel uncomfortable is during the prayers, but I feel like it's just one of those things that even if it doesn't apply to you, just be respectful," said senior Ariel Cooper.

Some students and faculty have ideas on how to make Madrigal

"I think that it's a gracious gesture that they include different opening prayers. I wonder if the new secular students group might appreciate being invited to that table, so to speak," said Anne Gilman, assistant professor of psychology.

"I think the religious part should be a part of Madrigal and it brings diversity to the campus and around the students," said junior Airokhsh Faiz Qaisary, president of the MSA. "But the religious part of Madrigal is very small and it just happens at the start with the prayer and of course a few songs, so I think they should have students from different cultures do some kind of activities like dances or poems or unique things they bring from their cultures."

"It's when Christians are forcing non-Christians to practice Christianity, then it becomes infringing on my own right to not participate," said Rodriguez. "That being said, this is a campus event, so if we want to be more inclusive, I don't think that means taking the Christian pieces out, I think it means bringing in other faith traditions that are celebrated at this time of year."

Some students agree with Rodriguez that diversity of religion is the best way to celebrate Madrigal.

"I think it would be cool to have different songs from other faiths included and maybe other themes represented rather than just a bunch of Christmas trees," said Cooper.

"A few years ago when Stacey Webber was the director of student activities, she wanted to make it a little bit more inclusive. That's when they started singing 'The Dreidel Song' and put dreidels out on the tables," said Witkovsky.

"I really do think that if we changed the music at Madrigal for the most part, we can make it just as meaningful," said Witkovsky. "I do understand, and I think it's important for us to keep aware of, that for somebody who's not Christian, who's expected to celebrate Christmas, it could be offensive."

"I think it's going to be met with folly if we pretend it's not a Christmas party, but let's try and bring in as many faith perspectives as we can," said Rodriguez.

"I think it's worth the effort to keep trying to celebrate different holidays while still looking for ways to check whether we are still being inclusive," said Gilman.

Despite the lack of text, 'Where's Waldo' can be enjoyed by all ages



I am sure all of you have been acquainted at one time or another with the infamous collection of characters that are Waldo (or Wally for all my international friends), Wenda, Wizard Whitebeard, Woof and Odlaw. So what, you may ask, is the point of reviewing such a famous and well-read book with a significant lack of words? When I picked up a copy of "Where's Waldo? The Fantastic Journey" over the weekend, I realized just how entertaining it was even after 20 years of age.

Many of you may think it is immature and uncool to be seen studying a "Where's Waldo?" book on campus or even just to be seen by your roommate one evening before bed. But it is my belief

that completing perhaps even one puzzle will prove this idea wrong and you will slowly (or very quickly depending on how much you appreciate the opinions of others) find yourself devoting whole study periods to the mission of finding Waldo, if only to have the satisfaction of knowing that you have finished the book. Perhaps this may be why this book is so successful; it is one of the only books to guarantee satisfaction at the close of it.

Flicking through those pages, the difficulty of finding Waldo and all his friends amongst the crazy landscapes really does not diminish the older you get. Plus the excitement once you actually find them all really does brighten your day, even if only slightly. The whole experience is like a colorful and illustrated math problem but so much more enjoyable to solve. The fact that there so many characters to find and little tasks for each page means that no

matter how many times you may have read it as a child, it is almost impossible to remember where any of them were.

In fact, I would say that my recent re-read of "The Fantastic Journey" in particular, was actually more than just a nostalgic piece of entertainment. Spending such an extended amount of time focused purely on the one book I am pretty sure can be classified as a huge achievement even if only that it was the first thing in a long time to capture my attention so entirely that I was able to spend it without the use of ANY technology. Crazy, I know. In a college society driven by our mobile phones, Facebook and other such social media websites, "Where's Waldo?" was the first book since my arrival here which I managed to finish without once glancing at a computer screen. Although maybe this has more to do with the fact that I have no choice in the other

books I have read since they have all been for my literature courses. Still, it says a lot about the book that it is able to capture an attention span like mine for such a length of time.

I mean even on a basic level, the illustrations are just amazing, there are so many little details and connections to the rest of the book that it seems almost incredible that someone has managed to sit there and design it all. When you're a little kid reading these books this never really impresses you quite as much as coming back to it over ten vears later.

There is still one page however, which should be driven from any and all books for the rest of time. I am, of course, referring to the last page where the task is to find the real Waldo in amongst all his look-alikes. Looking at that page, even thinking about it makes my heart sink. The mesmerizing display of red and white combined

with staring at practically the same face over a hundred times feels like something out of a psychological examination. I would not be surprised if some child somewhere had a mental relapse just staring at that page. I honestly would love to meet any person that has ever found the real Waldo on that page. If anyone embodies the image of a hero it must certainly be that person.

I have ultimately come to the conclusion that this collection of books is a great addition to our culture and to children's literature. But nor are they books that should be reserved exclusively for children. The task of finding that elusive, red and white striped man is as fun as it was ten years ago and this way you can say you have read a book without actually having to look at all that many words plus the momentary absence of technology is an experience in itself.

Doan's Bones Barbecue: a local gem in the Petersburg wilderness



Doan's Bones Barbecue is a hidden gem located on 3507 McAlevy's Fort Road in Petersburg, Pa., halfway between Juniata and State College on Route 26. It is the furthest restaurant from the College that I have reviewed thus far, but believe me, it is worth the drive.

Anyway, who doesn't like to get off campus once in a while? Although the drive takes about 20 minutes, it is easy and almost impossible to get lost along the way. If you know someone with a car, you should check this place out.

Pulling into the parking lot, I began to think, "Wow, this is a little creepy." The restaurant is located in the middle of the woods with a lack of street lights and across from a gas station with antique pumps. It is definitely a neat and eclectic area. Before walking in the door, I pass an ordering window that is open year-round for ordering food to go or eating outside.

Walking into the actual restaurant, I was welcomed by the familystyle aura. The bright red colors of the walls, the country inspired decorations and the cabin style of the single eating room all added to the warm feel. There were no servers, just the owners who were cooking and waiting on tables. I have never been to a restaurant quite like this before. It is truly a mom-and-

The restaurant has gained a respectable reputation from customers in Pennsylvania, bordering states and the West Coast. In addition, Jay Leno mentioned them on his show! I was floored when the owner stated that he advertised their barbeque sauce on TV. For a small restaurant in pretty much the middle of nowhere, I was impressed.

In addition, I was impressed by the restaurant's confidence. According to an article, the owner said to a first-timer, "See you next week." He was sure they would return soon. Also, the Food Network was playing in the background of the restaurant, which in my opinion reinforces their confidence. I have never been to a restaurant that, if anything, was not playing sports. If the restaurant was not comfortable with their own reputation of food, why would they be tempting us with other delicious

On the menu, some of the options are barbeque, seafood, salads, steaks, wings, ribs, chicken and burgers as well as Philly cheesesteak, nachos, pulled pork and a variety of homemade specialty sauces (the ones that were adver-



Above: A pulled pork sandwich smothered in barbecue sauce, a specialty from the kitchen of Doan's Boans Barbecue.

tised on Jay Leno). They also offer a children's menu and catering services in addition to Tuesday night wing nights. As far as catering goes, the restaurant offers selections such as ribs, chicken, brisket, pork tenderloin, roast beef, baked ham, pulled pork, pulled chicken and roasted portabella and a wood fire oven to make pizza. There are also various side dishes, fruit and veggie trays and cheese or cookie platters available to order.

Everything on the menu at the restaurant is a Doan's Bones original creation except for the mozzarella sticks and one other

appetizer. There are a diverse selection of options to choose from on the menu. I ordered the Station 19, a pulled-pork barbeque sandwich with onions, cheese, coleslaw and delicious homemade chips. I was trying to be polite while eating the sandwich without silverware, which is not as easy as it may sound, but I was having a hard time. I was a bit shocked I had to ask for silverware. It is not that they forgot it; no table had any. They also just had a roll of paper towels on the table for napkins. I wouldn't recommend this place for a first date, although it would

be entertaining.

When I was asked if I was finished with my meal, I said, "Well, I think so." I was not asked if I wanted a box when I clearly did not finish everything, which was a bit surprising.

I am not sure if this was because they ran out of boxes or don't carry them, but it was a bit strange. This is not something that would stop me from going back again though, because it was a fun dining experience.

I hope you all give it a try! Doan's Bones is open every day for lunch and dinner starting at 11:00 a.m.

'Frankenweenie' given thumbs up overall: clever, but disjointed and "kiddy"



I cannot stand movies that spend their entire running time making you bond with a dog and then kill it off at the end to tell a story about "growing up" or some nonsense. How generous of director Tim Burton to have taken that classic template and flipped it in the opposite direction, where the film starts off by killing the dog and then brings it back to life and makes the audience fall in love with it.

As the title suggests, "Frankenweenie" pays homage to "Frankenstein" and other classic horror flicks from the 1930s. While a human that was reanimated and brought back to life in the form of Frankenstein's monster was eventually shunned by society and ended up turning evil, Burton is smart enough to know that a dog reanimated the same way will always fare better because nobody can shun a dog without feeling like an awful person. Even if they did, the dog would just keep licking their hand anyway until its undead tongue falls off.

"Frankenweenie" is the sort of movie we get every now and again that gets marketed as a kid's movie

upon seeing his dog Sparky run over by a car, mourns him and then decides to dig him back up and bring him back to life with science. Besides being creepy, it's probably worth noting that the whole thing can also be crushingly sad to someone who's lost a beloved pet recently (and by recently, I mean somewhere around July ... NO THOSE ARE NOT TEARS IN MY EYES, KEEP READING THE REVIEW). However, it can also be uplifting in its own way, not to mention dark, twisted, funny and endlessly watchable.

While Burton has been seem-

he seems right at home here. The entire film is shot in black-andwhite and reeks of inspiration from classic low-budget horror. "Frankenweenie" is a delight to look at from beginning to end.

I have a bit of a problem with the characters in the film, in that there are too many of them. In fact, most of the film suffers from feeling a bit too cluttered with subplots for being a 90-minute kid's film, and as a result a lot of characters are left underdeveloped and a lot of subplots feeling unnecessary. Thankfully, the two lead characters are entertaining enough to mostly make up for this. Victor is an outcast, a genius and a creative thinker whose only friend is his dog. Burton seems to understand enough of what makes a dog lovable to make

the audience care deeply about said dog.

The cluttered feeling is entirely a problem with the middle of the film. After Victor brings Sparky back to life, the movie asks us to care about a total of five misfit classmates who want to figure out how Victor did it so that they can win the upcoming science fair, an eccentric science teacher who threatens to be interesting and then arbitrarily leaves the movie, Victor's two overly worried parents, a pretty girl who's destined to be Victor's love interest and who also disappears from the movie long enough that you're surprised when she's still important, the little girl's dog whom is meant to be Sparky's love interest and her father who's introduced in a way that made me absolutely convinced early on that he was going to end up being one of the main villains, but ends up mattering very little to the plot.

Okay, so it's actually a bit of a mess for a period of time, but once all the pieces are in place the movie turns into an absolutely fantastic climactic sequence that wraps up everything very nicely. Above all else, "Frankenweenie" feels like a labor of love. It's clever, funny, pays homage to the classic horror films of the 1930s and doubles as a love letter to anybody who's ever loved or lost a dog.

Oh, and you can tell Burton knows what he's doing because he ends up making the cat evil. I'm sorry, but all cats are secretly planning our demise. If you argue with me, you've never lived with one.



American Holidays vs. British Holidays

I loathe discussing it, but really my friends, why do you celebrate Thanksgiving? It is after all, just the same as Christmas, but without the gifts. I have to say that I find it ludicrous to have two holidays merely one month apart, it would be far more sensible to hold Thanksgiving a couple of months earlier so that one's taste buds are not overwhelmed by all that food and drink, I am awfully glad that my kingdom has clude in in every single meal is no such trivialities.

However, I have to say that this holiday of yours is perhaps of some use, even in just providing your poor students with some good, hearty home-cooked food for once. After having been tortured and tormented for four months with Sodexo's socalled 'food', a disgusting crime against the name I must declare - my stomach is positively delighted at the prospect of a

proper meal.

Saying this, I do have a slight concern with some of your culinary choices. Pumpkin, for example. There seems to be an uncanny fondness of this delicacy, which quite frankly baffles me. I have never seen so many recipes dependent upon such an ingredient! It is oddly flavorsome, however, the apparent need there seems to be to inbordering on madness. Once every so often is quite satisfactory for me, but I believe that I have not gone a single week without being presented with it at least twice in some form or another!

Might I also enquire as to the fascination you American's have with decorations? Wherever I look it seems as though there is a festival or holiday fast approaching! My goodness how some of these houses look, all this 'fall' themed decor really does surprise me! The British are far too sophisticated and refined to allow our own abodes to trans-

formed in such an overstated manner. Some may even call such design 'tacky', I squirm to use the word but perhaps it is just suited to this situation, it is all rather uncouth to say the least. Although I do believe that the

> American autumn far surpasses my kingdom's in terms of the colours on the leaves, I must confess that I do not see the reason to decorate one's home in admiration of it! It is all rather ridiculous.

My field of vision has also recently been accosted by the appearance of tents outside my bedroom window. The sight amazes me. Who would have even guessed that students would actually own such contraptions! How any of you would even think of sleeping in such things I honestly cannot understand for the life of me, and in the middle of November too! You poor little creatures must be freezing in such poorly constructed devices. If I had here the same level of influence as I do within my own country, I promise you that I would immediately put an end to such dirty and dangerous trifling nonsense!

All this for a table at a meal. If this was the common practice my try, I assure you that it would not be I who was ruling, and I would be ashamed to even receive an invite to such an event. It seems as though my assumption that all American college students must have a degree of sense and sensibility may not be quite so true. Although the idea of a formal and polite dinner does sound perfectly gorgeous, if it is going to be attended by hooligans sleeping in tents for no good reason, then I shudder to think how the evening will progress. Undoubtedly it will end in much raucous and ridiculous partying to some fancy, new, 'hip' band, the very idea! It is such a shame that an event once made so very delightful has to be reduced to such a level as to be fit only for the common classes. I can only pray that next year's students have a touch more dignity.

TOP 10: THINGS YOU **WOULDN'T** WANT TO HEAR OF FACULTY DOING **DURING SABBATICAL**

- I. Troha campaigning with Ted Cruz
- 2. Professors using grant money to fund a tyrannical overthrow or revolution
- 3. Research anywhere near Las Vegas, Atlantic City or Miami
- 4. Going to France to follow U2 on their next big tour, only to hitch a ride with a random French man and thus being kidnapped - Liam Neeson will not save you.
- 5. Spending grant money by accident and then having to sell drugs to get it all back, all in a nice, wealthy neighborhood
- 6. Going to Cuba and staying
- 7. Using grant money to fund their second life with their second family that we do not know about
- 8. Still neglecting to renovate Good or South
- 9. Doing research on video production, but actually producing more music videos for Ark Music Factory and Rebecca Black
- 10. Doing veterinary research only for the excuse of watching multiple cat videos, because we would all like to do that



Thumbs Up, Thumbs Down FOLLOW YOUR HEART THEY SAID



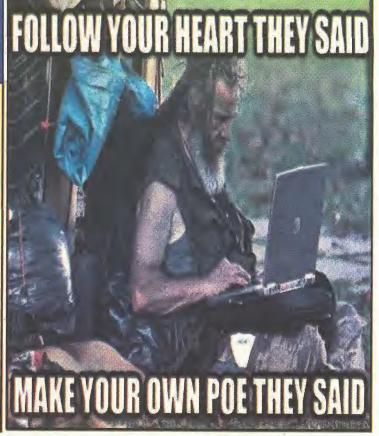
Thumbs down to the campus clock still being broken for the past four or so weeks. As if the semester isn't going slow enough. Ain't nobody got time for that!



Thumbs up to the luscious locks with bows found around campus. This might lead us into a hairy situation.



Thumbs down to the scoreboard falling apart during the volleyball game against Stevenson College. Nice job, Mustangs - this isn't East, it's Kennedy!



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Students anticipate new dormitory to open fall 2014

By JM DUBENSKY

Juniata College will open a new residence hall on College Avenue in the 2014 fall semester as a result of popular demand for single-resident dormitory rooms.

The still-unnamed residence hall is located next to the soccer fields. The hall will have the capacity to house 77 students, with no more than one person per room. The decision to include single-resident only rooms was made as a result of requests by Juniata students, as well as a trend across American colleges to offer single-resident rooms.

"The decision was made based on feedback from Juniata students," said Rob Yelnosky, vice president of finance and operations. "As you look at the marketplace, there are more buildings with single rooms available on college campuses across the country than ever before. Based on nationwide trends and student demands, we felt as though this was the time to build a singles-only residence hall."

Each wing of the residence hall includes two single-resident rooms that share a living room



The new dorm, which is located by the soccer fields, will feature single rooms, a café, fitness center, seminar room, elevator and air conditioning. The building has yet to be named and will be completed in time for the 2014-2015 academic year.

and a bathroom, as well as two more single-resident rooms that share only a bathroom. The remaining rooms in each wing are singles that will utilize a shared bathroom.

"I thought the new dorm had

a lot of groupings of singles sharing common rooms," said sophomore Stephanie Starr. "But if most of them are stand-alone singles, then that doesn't seem as appealing."

"It's meant for upperclassmen,

and we don't anticipate reserving any for freshmen," said Penny Hooper-Conway, assistant director of residential life. "We have other singles in other buildings that if we have left over we'll put freshmen in should they ask, and we have some reserved for medical reasons in case we get those requests."

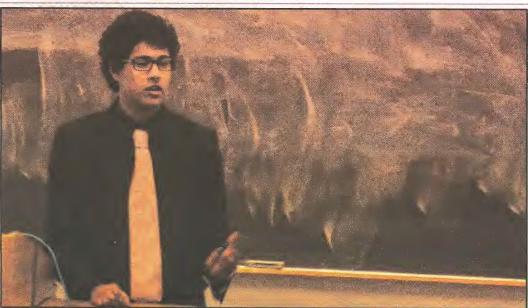
"We still believe that part of the college experience is living in a traditional residence hall, sharing a room and learning the skills of sharing space with someone," said Yelnosky.

"I lived in East my freshman year, so I wasn't connected at all with the rest of the campus," said senior Greg Nixon. "This college is all about the community, and I think living in a single takes away from that, especially as a freshman. I think only certain upperclassmen will be interested in living in the new dorm—people who want to live on campus but don't want a lot of noise or parties or anything like that."

The new residence hall includes a kitchenette, a lounge, seminar room, a café and a fitness room. The hall will also feature various unique amenities, including an elevator and air-conditioning.

"The fitness room is going to develop according to the residents," said Yelnosky. "We're not

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Atit elected Student Government president

By Dylan Stroman

On Wednesday, Feb. 19, sophomore Kunal Atit was elected president of Student Government for the 2014-2015 academic year.

With three years of experience in Student Government, Atit's opponent, junior Thomas Tuyen has served on the executive board and has been a part of the allocation board. In his campaign statement and at the presidential debate on Feb. 18, Tuyen spoke at length about his desire to see an executive board that is able to respond efficiently to the needs of both the current classes and the incoming freshman class.

Atit entered the race after six months as sophomore class president. He was involved in planning the Inaugural Concert and presenting the Freedom of Information Act (FoIA).

Atit's agenda for the upcoming

year stresses greater transparency, visibility and inclusiveness. Atit also plans to push for financial restructuring.

"The current Student Government has seen that we don't exactly run super efficiently all the time," said Atit during the presidential debate. "There are some ways to trim the budget or trim wasteful spending."

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Anti-fossil fuel petition

By Louie Nigh

A recent petition started by sophomore Nathan Anderson-Stahl calls for the College to withdraw its monetary investments in oil extraction companies. If the petition reaches 100 signatures, it could be considered by the board of trustees.

Anderson-Stahl hopes the College will divest from these companies to protest against carbon emissions.

"To divest means to stop investing in fossil fuel extraction. It's to stop Juniata from placing its financial assets in the endowment of companies that produce the majority of carbon-based fuels like ExxonMobil and Chevron," said Anderson-Stahl.

The funding that goes to these companies could instead be invested elsewhere, according to sophomore Shanna Law, vice president of the Environmental Coalition.

"Divestment is the opposite of investment. Juniata is a business, and it invests in corporations. These are not sustainable, so instead we want to divest from them and invest in a different company," said Law.

Anderson-Stahl began the petition after finding the idea on 350.org.

"350.org stands for 350 parts per million of carbon in the atmosphere, which is needed to keep the change in temperature under two degrees," said Anderson-Stahl.

The movement is in response to the environmental effects of fossil fuel extraction.

"The problems are availability and the pollution that comes with it. The more immediate threat is environmental degradation," said Uma Ramakrishnan, Associate Professor of Environmental Sciences. "There's air pollution. There's water pollution, fracking—many companies are affecting water systems and continuing to drill without a lot of environmental oversight."

The College's Board of Trustees has loose policies regarding the consideration of companies they fund, according to Vice President

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Cushman, Jennings depart; enrollment office welcomes Sugihara

By KATIE JEFFRESS

On Feb. 5, Juniata welcomed the arrival of Fumio Sugihara, who will serve as the new vice president of enrollment. Sugihara is originally from Montclair, N.J.

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"I started working in higher education in 1998," said Sugihara. "I was most recently the director of admissions at the University of Puget Sound."

During the hiring process, Sugihara outshined all other applicants, according to Gail Ulrich, Juniata's director of human resources. "He certainly seemed to have a good grasp on the enrollment field, and he has good ideas about many new things."

As vice president of enrollment, Sugihara will help direct the efforts to recruit students into the Juniata community. "We hope to recruit students who are going to contribute to the athletic programs, who are going to contribute to diversity, who are going to challenge the faculty and who are going to be challenged by the faculty,' said Sugihara.

Freshman Katelyn Fisher, a student assistant in the enrollment center, believes that the addition of a new vice president will be highly beneficial. "New administrators bring new ideas, new thoughts, and new perspectives. I think the admissions office will really benefit from this," said Fisher.

"This work has its challenges, but I really enjoy it. I went to a small college, so I really believe in places like Juniata College. And for me, that is what's most important," said Sugihara.

As the Juniata community welcomes Sugihara, the college will say goodbye to several longtime faculty members. Dr. Jenifer Cushman, dean of international education and associate professor of German, is set to leave Juniata on March 19 for a position at another institution.

"My work has mainly been administrative," said Cushman. "I managed the Center for International Education, which includes study abroad, international student services, and an intensive English program."

During her time at Juniata, Cushman spearheaded several lasting projects. "I think the most important thing was the Global Engagement Initiative, which was a collaboration across campus that identified priorities for internationals," said Cushman. "This initiative contained some interesting aspects, including the Global Village Living and Learning Community, and the Intercultural Learning Assessment Committee."

These projects, along with Cushman's other duties, will be given to Kati Csoman, the current assistant dean of international education. "Kati will become the interim dean of international education," said Cushman. "I don't know what the long-term plans are, and they might be waiting for the new provost, since this falls under academic affairs."

Freshman Jill Loomis said, "I plan on studying abroad during my time at Juniata. A new dean of international education may affect the various opportunities or programs that are offered, so I'm interested in seeing how all of this pans out."

Following her departure, Cushman will assume the position of dean at Ohio University Zanesville. "I'm really going to miss the people here at Juniata. My family and I have been here for seven years, and both the college and community have really been places that felt like home," said Cushman.

Marketing Assistant Norma Jennings will retire on Feb. 25 after 16 years of employment at Juniata College. As marketing assistant, Jennings coordinated printing jobs, managed finances and worked with Imagefolio

database management.

"About 25 years ago, I got a certificate here in business administration," said Jennings. "I started working at the College

Originally from New Bedford, Mass., Jennings worked in the enrollment center for nine years and the marketing department for the last seven years.

"In the enrollment center I was a campus coordinator, so I worked with a lot of students, families and coaches. Also, I got to know many of the faculty and professors," said Jennings.

In retirement, Jennings plans to travel and visit her family, which includes two grandchildren. "I love spending my summers up on Cape Cod. In the fall, I plan to travel all around the country, go up north into Canada, go down the West Coast, and come back through the South."

Regarding her time at Juniata, Jennings said, "I think I've learned a lot. I've learned how much people really care. I guess I was a little surprised by that because I came from a business background, and when I first came here, I expected it to be more of a business than a community."

Senior Taylor Vidal worked as Jennings' student assistant for the past three years. "She's probably the happiest, most positive person that I've ever worked for, or that I've ever known, for that matter," said Vidal. "Even when something is wrong, she just keeps smiling and chugs through it."

When asked what she will miss the most, Jennings responded, "The people—I love Juniata, and it's been a wonderful place to spend my last 16 years."





Fumio Sugihara (left) will serve as the new VP of enrollment. Jenifer Cushman will depart from her position as dean of international education to assume the role of dean at Ohio University Zanesville.

Sophomore drives initiative to divest from corporate pollution

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of Finance Rob Yelnosky.

"Divestment isn't something new," said Yelnosky. "The Board of Trustees has a responsible investment clause, which states that we do filter and look at these things as part of our policy."

Juniata currently has close to \$2 million invested in four fossil fuel companies: Exxon-Mobil, Chevron, ConocoPhilips and Petrobras, which accounts for 1.9 percent of its total investment portfolio of \$105 million.

Overall, colleges and universities contribute little to the fossil fuel industry. But the crux of the issue lies elsewhere, according to Anderson-Stahl.

"We are investing in carbon extraction companies that are profiting from poisoning the earth," said Anderson-Stahl. "If we invest in them, that's giving them our stamp of approval."

"We have shown to support sustainable energies anyway," said Law. "It would be in correlation with that image."

The petition also serves to raise awareness, according to supporters.

"It's about making people think about our actions and the context of these actions," said Law. "If Ramakrishnan. "There's colleges all divested, it'd make a statement."

Yet while supporters of the petition claim that fossil fuel companies are unsustainable, the alternatives are not easily implemented.

"Worldwide, there is no single solution right now," said energy. You need a lot of space, but then you have to store and transport that energy. Wind power needs open spaces

more it stunts the development of sustainable power.

"There is no reason to subsidize the industry; we are paying for it, and there are

problem may be too serious to stop.

"It's getting to the point where it's almost too late," said Law. "This is amazingly important, but most people don't really think about it. It's just woven into our society."

The petition is to be reviewed by the Juniata College board of trustees on April 25.



Proposed Freedom of Information Act expands transparency

By JACOB MESSER

The Student Government is considering a resolution called The Juniata College Freedom of Information Act, which would allow students to request the expenditure information of any campus organization that receives money allocated by the Student Senate.

Senior Derrick Magnotta, who represents the advocacy common interest sector in the Student Senate, along with 14 other senators, introduced the resolution at the first meeting of the semester on

The Act's stated purpose is "to increase student-accessible transparency of Student Activity Fee money" in light

of the fact that there is "currently no formal method of studentaccessible transparency of student activity fee usage."

If adopted, the Act will allow any student of Juniata College to "request in writing a list of all expenditures of an entity or club that receives financial support from the Student Government." Officials of the organization under inquiry will have three academic weeks to provide the requested information.

The Act is the brainchild of Sophomore Class President Kunal Atit, who wanted to know how student organizationswere spending the money they received.

This information should be accessible to anyone, because every semester a student pays \$80 in student activity fees, and that student

activity fee money then makes up the \$200,000 that is the student government budget," said Atit.

Upon realizing that the Senate's contingency fund was running low, he tried to find this information for himself last semester.

"Midway through the semester, Student Government realized their coffers were running low -remarkably low actually - to the point where we had to set up multiple mechanisms to show financial restraint so we don't go bankrupt before the end of the year," said Atit.

"My question was: how did we lose all this money? How did we start out with \$200,000, and how are we already running low? And not only where are we giving this money, but how is this money spent after it's given out?" said Atit.

"I tried to access that, first through the student government, second through the administration. Both times I was shut out. And this is me operating as Class President, not even just as an interested student," said Atit.

This led to Atit's collaboration with Magnotta in writing the Freedom of Information Act.

"So after my requests were denied by Student Government, I started to wonder if I could formally create an avenue for students to find out how this money is used," said Atit. "First we need to find out where this money is used, and then we can find out how to make the process more efficient and how to spend our money better to become a more effective organization."

After introducing the resolution on Jan. 27, Magnotta immediately moved to table debate on the issue to give senators time to review the document.

At the following senate meeting on Feb. 10, Magnotta announced that it would be convenient to refer the Act to the Senate's Review Committee, which is responsible for reviewing potential changes to the Constitution.

Freshman Class Vice President Alex Simon, who chairs the review committee, will lead the effort to revise the Act.

"Right now it is up to the Review Committee. We'll make our changes and bring it to the Senate, but that, obviously, will take a lot of time," said Simon.

Senior Anshu Chawla, Student Government President, refused to endorse the Act.

"Presently, as it's written, I don't (support it) I think it will have to go through some revisions," said Chawla.

Chawla emphasized that it must be vetted thoroughly before consideration by the full Senate.

"The review committee will have to talk to some of the people that it generally affects, because you really need to know how these types of things can affect people. For example, accountability: 'Who will be accountable for this part? Who will be accountable for that? Is that person willing to take that up?' I think it's extremely impor-



Seniors Derrick Magnotta and Colin Brislawn discuss the Freedom of Information Act. Magnotta and sophomore Kunal Atit introduced the petition.

tant that you do that," said Chawla.

Atit is optimistic about the prospect of eventual passage for the Act. "Right now we have 15 cosponsors, but there is some resistance in multiple camps, chiefly because the leaders of some organizations feel like the legislation will be used to go after their organization. There are safeguards in place to make sure it's not used as a weapon, but rather as a tool for students."

The Act provides for exceptions via appeal to the Senate, granted by a majority vote, in cases where providing information would be harmful to the club's goals, such as revealing a secret event or date.

"At this point, if we're not properly overseeing how the money is spent, then we're robbing students as an organization," said Atit.

Online Cloud will promote simplicity, replace outdated technology

By Kyle Santerian

Juniata is considering a gradual phasing out of the U-drive in favor of a cloud-based solution such as Google Drive. If the plan is approved, incoming freshmen will not receive a U-drive. Current students would retain access to their U-drives until graduation.

"A lot of businesses are moving to the Cloud," said Director of Technology Solutions Center Joel Pheasant.

"You don't run into [the Udrive] outside of educational institutions anymore," said Pheasant. "If we decide to go this route and encourage students to use Google Drive for storage, then it will actually be better preparing them for what they are going to experience outside of Juniata."

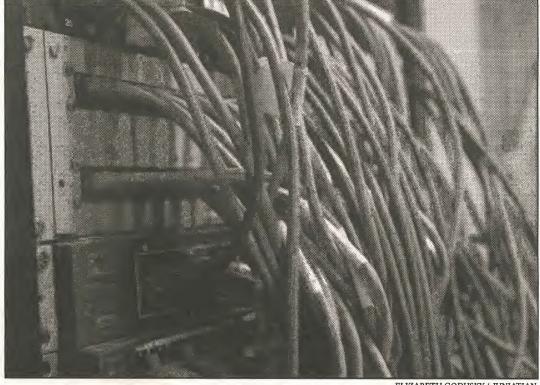
Since many cloud-based services are already widely available, a transition away from the U-drive should be relatively easy.

"A lot of students are already using one of those services," said Pheasant.

The IT department expects students to take advantage of services such as Google Drive, Dropbox and SkyDrive. These services will be taught in Information Access (IA).

"Since we are required to take IA anyway, then I guess the move makes sense," said sophomore Jihoon Chang.

The switch is also a financial



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The shift to the Cloud will eliminate the need for network drives. The transition is expected to begin next fall. Incoming students will be taught how to use applications such as Google Drive in Information Access.

decision. Currently, the College pays for its U-drive storage space. Although the contract is not up next fall, in the future the school could save money without the U-drive.

"Once we purchase the storage for the U drive, then it is paid for a few years, but then we have to replace that," said Pheasant. "[It] kind of takes all of that cost every couple years off the books for us."

looking at provide the storage for free, so it would be at no cost to the College," said Pheasant.

"I think the financial savings are great," said freshman Vincent Kowalick. "The money can be used to upgrade the school's current technology.'

The move also has the potential to increase bandwidth speeds on campus by decreasing network traffic.

"The tradeoff that we would "The solutions that we are be making, if we would go this

route, is rather than providing the storage there would be a little bit increased bandwidth usage," said Pheasant.

The move is not without its downsides, however. Unlike the U-drive, which is mapped to all on-campus computers, students would have to log on access the cloud-based system. This also means that students could access their Google Drive files from computers off-campus.

Another potential issue with Cloud based systems is that problems cannot usually be fixed from campus.

"Currently, because it is an in-house solution, when things break we know who to call up and yell at. We have people right here who have control of our systems and can fix them when things go wrong," said senior Colin Brislawn, a student worker for the Marketing department.

The move is still in the preliminary stages with no decisions finalized yet. Pheasstressed that student input is greatly appreciated and will be collected throughout the semester.

The move will be addressed in Student Government meetings before it is brought to cabinet for approval.

"Dealing with this trend, choosing to get on board or not, is a significant question that they are going to answer. The choice will be made. No action is a choice. Choosing to stay inhouse is a choice they are making," said Brislawn.

Regardless of the decision, it is safe to say that the IT Department will make a responsible choice.

"The tech people are excellent here. So I think they are going to come up with a really good solution as they move through with it," said Brislawn.

\$20M to sewage treatment

By CAL KING

In 2008, the Borough of Huntingdon was awarded a sum of more than \$20 million to fix, upgrade and otherwise modernize the borough's sewage treatment facilities. The renovations serve not only as a model for surrounding municipalities wishing to update, but also as an attraction for potential businesses and homeowners.

The vast quantity of cash came in the forms of grants, municipal bonds and a low-interest loan from PENNVEST, a state-run organization dedicated to investing in municipal projects involving water-oriented infrastructure. Roughly \$10 million of the funds came from a borough bonding initiative, another \$5 million came from government grants and the monies from PENNVEST amounted to \$5.9 million.

Prior to the upgrade of the sewage system, Huntingdon had been operating with equipment from the late 1800s and early 1900s. The most recent changes to some of the infrastructure had been installed in 1926 and were updated in the mid-1980s. However, due to state policies regarding runoff into the Chesapeake Bay-the watershed of which Huntingdon is a part of-the equipment had to be updated on a massive scale.

John Gradwell, a representative on the Huntingdon Borough Council and chair of the water and sewage department, noted that urban areas like Philadelphia and Harrisburg were not forced to comply with the policy changes. Rural places like Huntingdon, on the other hand, are. "It's weird," said Gradwell. "Those cities are so much closer to the Bay than Huntingdon."

Work started on the sewage project shortly after the grants were received, but the water treatment system in the borough was equally antiquated. It was not long before Gradwell, among others, took the issue to heart and began contacting local legislators, and in some cases, confronting them.

"We'd go and get in their faces,

you know. We'd tell them that this equipment that we're using is almost 100 years old," said Gradwell.

With sufficient perseverance, Huntingdon soon found itself with another \$15 million, this time to update the water treatment facilities. Huntingdon's water facilities supply several nearby municipalities including Petersburg and Mt. Union, as well as the College and the prison.

"I'm elated! 100 percent elated," said Gradwell, referencing the fact that Huntingdon received the funds for the two projects. "You know, the two systems are able to communicate with each other; they'll know when the load on the other is light enough that it can flush its tanks," he said.

Expected to be completed within 18 months, the water and sewage facilities represent an investment of over \$20 million on the part of the local taxpayer alone, notwithstanding the loans from PENNVEST. That burden aside, the 21st century, state-of-the-art facilities serve as an attraction for local businesses.

Additionally, the clean water and the spotless reports from the Department of Environmental Protection make Huntingdon a model for the surrounding communities. Gradwell noted in council that municipalities from around the state visit Huntingdon to admire what is one of few towns in America to own and operate both state-of-the-art sewage and water treatment facilities.

The borough hopes that the updates and changes will bring new industries to Huntingdon, which, in ideal circumstances, would bring more people, and thus more local shops. Such a change would monumentally affect Juniata and the way that the town is viewed by students, offering a greater diversity of shops and services, meanwhile generating jobs for locals.

Indeed, with more shops and a more active downtown community, current students may become more engaged, strengthening the bond between the borough and the College.

President-elect pushes for proactive gov't



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Junior Thomas Tuyen, one of the presidential candidates, addresses his fellow students at the debate on Tuesday, Feb. 18.

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Atit feels that the financial restructuring of Student Government will likely pose the foremost challenge to his vision. "I don't know exactly how that's going to take place; I'm really going to have to open the books on day one and have a hard, inclusive conversation on how we are going to do this better," said Atit.

When asked what he can accomplish in one year, Atit promised "reasonable transparency." On top of that, Atit emphasized that he will begin the process of financial restructuring, starting by raising the class budgets to \$1,000.

Atit cited his campaign for greater transparency as the reason why he considered himself the most qualified candidate. "I'm ready to ask the hard questions, and I'm ready to fight the tough fights," said Atit. "I've made my enemies, but I think I fight for the right causes."

One such cause, the FoIA, was apparently deemed "unpopular" by the executive board according to Atit. "There have been red flags with that legislation, as there have been certain clubs that are worried that it will be used as a weapon to exploit them," he said.

However, Atit ultimately praised the current executive board for allowing him to bring the legislation to the floor despite surrounding tensions. "That's how I would approach it," said Atit. "I don't necessarily need to believe in an idea to allow it to be expressed." Atit was forthcoming about his flaws. He admitted to making mistakes and learning from them during his tenure as sophomore class president. "I (previously) dealt with my class cabinet in a way where it was 'my way or the highway,' but over time I think I learned to become a consensus builder," said Atit.

Toward the end of the debate, senior Colin Brislawn, a current executive board member, directed an explicit inquiry toward

Election Results
President-elect:
Kunal Atit, '16
Vice president-elect:
Ramsey Amad, '16
Secretary-elect:
Madeline Bennetti, '17

Atit. "You spoke in great length about the way you want Student Government to be a force to be reckoned with—a huge part of student lives. That's not how Student Government currently is, and I'm wondering if it's right to change this," said Brislawn. "We're not flying to the moon; we've run this situation as such to help Senate do what it wants to do."

Atit contended that while his vision may differ from that of the previous administration, determining whether or not the changes he has in mind are necessary will ultimately be for the students to decide. "I'm saying Student Govern-

ment has a culture of inaction, and I want to promote and bring to the table a culture of action," said Atit.

In describing his prospective approach to governance, Atit said, "My initiative would be to have Student Government be more proactive in student lives; right now it's an extractive institution."

Tuyen argued that he wanted to make Student Government known to all students. "I can't promise anything; I don't know the incoming freshmen," said Tuyen. "I'm not coming in with grandiose ideas, great plans, amazing things to do for the year; I'm coming in with a willingness to serve."

Campus response to the election varied. Sophomore Isaac Isoe said, "I was hoping Thomas would win because of his experience."

According to freshman Adam Rothstein, a good leader must be "well-spoken, able to get things done and likeable." Rothstein suggested that Atit possesses these traits.

During the debate, Tuyen asked Atit why he thinks his vision is what students want. "I'm willing to offer it, I don't know if they'll accept it. But I'm going to have something on the table for them that they can tweak, they can mend, they can make it what they want it to be," said Atit.

"My legacy will be the start of a culture change from an inactive Student Government to a proactive Student Government—I won't allow next year to be a year of inaction," said Atit.

Juniata Eagles establish partnership program in Dominican Republic

By ALEXIS WAKSMUNSKI

Juniata has formed a partnership in the Dominican Republic that will aim to develop the local athletes' abilities and give Juniata athletes a unique opportunity to practice while also engaging in community service.

"We would put on athletic camps or clinics and help the kids down there grow the sport and help their kids learn and expose them to the U.S.," said Athletic Director Gregory Curley.

"On our side, it would offer an opportunity for our athletes to be involved in some sort of community service but centered around their sport," said Athletics Assistant Leah Poiner.

The athletics department occasionally sends their student athletes abroad, but this trip to the Dominican Republic will be unique. Few colleges or universities boast a similar program.

"A lot of our programs already go on abroad trips, but generally it is a more touristy vacation type where you play a few games but you are going to experience the culture," said Curley. "The important part for me is that it is a blend of service learning, an international experience and an athletic experience. I would doubt very many student athletes in any collegiate programs across the country could have this kind of opportunity."

Poiner said, "A lot of the athletes down there are very talented so it would be a challenge for our teams and it would open their eyes to different things that we haven't maybe seen in games here."

The sports teams must adhere to the NCAA rules regarding trips abroad. International trips are offered to all sports teams, but each team is only allowed to go abroad once every four years. Juniata could send a different team to the Dominican Republic each year.

"It is a great way to develop a team, and for a lot of our student athletes, it is difficult to get an abroad experience because many of them do not want to give up the opportunity to compete during the season," said Curley.

Poiner accompanied Rosalie Rodriguez, special assistant to the president for diversity and inclusion, on Juniata's Cultural Learning Tour to the Dominican to investigate a partnership.

"They are willing to offer us housing, food and transportation while we are down there, so ideally the only costs that the teams would have to worry about is the airfare down there," said Poiner.

"Over winter break I went to the Dominican Republic with



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Shalen Perehinec, Leah Poiner and Anne Gilman pose for a picture with the Minister of Sport, a Dominican athletic partner.

the Cultural Leanring Tour, which was a service learning trip, but on one of the days I had the opportunity to go to the Ministry of Sport with Leah Poiner," said junior Shalen Perehinec.

The women's field hockey team will be the first Juniata sports team to travel to the Dominican Republic for this community service and athletic opportunity. The team, including incoming

freshmen, will visit for a week before the fall semester.

"I am hoping this will be a great bonding experience and be something they can draw on for months after we come back," said Head Field Hockey Coach Caroline Gillich. "We are hoping to have our team become more connected—not just to each other but just to the greater world."

Loss of healthcare benefits decreases morale among Sodexo staff

By Abigail Rosenberger

After a change to company policy, some Sodexo workers lost their full-time status and were forced to enter the healthcare marketplace and to pay for their own coverage. These changes, while not affecting students working for Sodexo, has impacted the morale of some of the adult workers.

Sodexo currently has 111 employees working at Juniata, 14 of which are students.

"I really like having students," said McLaughlin. "We're a student-based business and the school likes seeing students in those positions."

"A job is a job, but I do enjoy it. I like those I work with, especially (my co-worker) in the pizza line. She's hilarious, and I love working with her," said sophomore Sodexo worker Corinne Simon.

Despite students feeling positive about their experiences working for Sodexo, their enthusiasm is not always met by that of the almost 100 adult employees they work with.

"I think some of them, quite honestly, feel like it is just a job,

and that's what is unfortunate," said McLaughlin.

Mary Coleman, an employee at Jitters, attributes her lack of morale to the recent changes in job benefits.

As of Jan. 1, Sodexo changed its definition of a full-time employee in response to the Affordable Care Act. This change requires employees to work an average of 35 hours each week to be considered full-time. Because dining services are not as extensive over the summer, many employees were not able to meet this requirement and lost their full-time status, health insurance, sick pay and vacation time.

"We lost everything," said Coleman, "and I'm now paying more for medical insurance and getting less coverage. I really think what they did was very unprofessional on their part." said Coleman. "I'm trying to sound upbeat, but you know all of us have been beaten down. All of us employees feel like we've been knocked down, which is ridiculous. There is no morale, that's for sure. Why would there be?"

Along with Coleman, some Sodexo employees were directed to the state healthcare exchange

Sodexo employee Chris Traxler prepares a meal for a student at Salsa Rica in Eagle's Landing Many Sodexo employees lost employment benefits due a recent change to company policy.

and other private companies. it comes out of

my pocket once a month," said Coleman.

Coleman also notes that she has been trying to cut down on expenses since she lost her benefits."I love the fact that we don't have to pay for a gym. I didn't know that. I've been paying for a gym for years," she said, "but I'm trying to cut money to keep expenses down now. It's been very hard."

'There's a little shift in morale. There was a major change," said McLaughlin. "This was so dramatically and drastically different. Some people worked because their husbands were retired and they were just looking for benefits that just don't exist anymore. So that really changes the playing field and it was unfortunate that everything shook out the way it did."

Despite noticing a shift in morale, McLaughlin believes the the staff is recovering well.

"I think they're coming around. It did affect morale, and it's just coming back a little bit, I would say. Maybe more than just coming back, about halfway from where we were. They're starting to concentrate on work again, which is good. We all know there is nothing we can do to change it," said McLaughlin.

Coleman does not agree that the staff's morale is improving. Her opinion of the company has not improved since she found out about the cuts.

"We're not going to do anything extra for Sodexo. If anyone would ask me about a job up here, I would not recommend it at all," said Coleman. "I would have a long time ago, but certainly not now."

Single-resident rooms for higher price

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going to have it filled with equipment. There will be some treadmills and elliptical machines, but there will also be a lot of aerobics space for yoga and Zumba."

Due to the single-resident rooms and the additional amenities, students will have to pay 15 percent more to live in the new residence hall.

"I feel like if you're going to live in a single room, why not just live off campus and save yourself a lot of money?" said Nixon. "I live a 15 minute walk away; it's not that far, and I save a lot of money. It just doesn't make sense. You just have to figure out if lying in your own bed in your own room that's still on campus is worth paying a little more money."

"Singles are always a hot commodity," said Hooper-Conway. "It's a luxury to have your own space but still have some communal areas where people can visit each other, plus it's close campus. Despite the higher cost I don't really anticipate having any problems filling it, and there's been a fair amount of interest."

"It might be cool for a group of friends to all live there and have singles," said freshman Kevin Bonalle. "If this new dorm only has a few common rooms, then there's not really room to have parties or anything like that."

"If I was specifically looking for a single then the new dorm sounds great," said Starr. "But I'm not, and I don't know how many people will be interested."

Juniata took out an \$8.5 million bank note to fund the project, which will have to be paid back over the next 25 years. The residence hall will cost approximately \$7.5 million to complete. The remaining million was spent on a new ceramics studio and a new grounds building for the soccer fields, as the old buildings had to be demolished to make room for the new dorm.

"Building a whole new dorm that only houses 77 people ductive idea," said Bonalle. "But the progress."

I guess I'd have to see how big each room actually is before I cast judgment on the place."

"You have to have the space to put more people," said Hooper-Conway. "The space we have on campus is kind of limited, and 77 is how many students we could fit comfortably in that space. There isn't any space left on campus right now to put a huge building that houses 200 people, so that's not really feasible, nor is there a need. If enrollment went up by a lot, then that would be a different story."

The café and certain restrooms will also be made available for public use during set hours, primarily for visitors who are attending soccer games.

The new residence hall is expected to be named by the end of February following a board of directors meeting.

"The last time we built a new dorm was East houses in the 70s," said Yelnosky. "This new dorm is really coming along doesn't seem like the most pro- nicely, and we're pleased with

Discussing surveillance

By KATHERINE TOBAR

Last semester Christian Eichenmueller, teaching and research assistant for the peace and conflict studies department, organized a study group to discuss the issue of surveillance in modern society.

Eichenmueller is teaching a three-credit course on the same subject this semester. The study group meets Fridays at 5:30 p.m. in the Oller Center and is open to all interested students.

Sophomore Hannah Morris, a member of the study group, said, "The goals are to get a better understanding about what is going on with surveillance, what we can do about this issue and why we should think about it, as well as discussing how it affects us long-term."

The group was formed in response to the recent revelations of former National Security Agency (NSA) employee Edward Snowden, regarding government surveillance condtucted within that agency.

"I decided to join the group for several reasons, the Snowden revelations among them," said junior Michael Weintraub, another member of the group.

"It is important because current surveillance practices infringe upon our fundamental human rights to privacy as a global society," said Weintraub. "It violates the constitutionally protected rights of all Americans, and perhaps most importantly, history teaches us that when too much power ends up in the hands of too few people, particularly without proper oversight, things don't end well."

"The reason that I am studying surveillance and I am in this

group is because we are on a really bad path right now that is going to lead us to something that is not a democracy anymore," said sophomore Hannah Jeffery. "I don't think democracy can exist as long as there is surveillance coming from the United States government on its

On Jan. 30, Daniel Ellsberg gave a lecture on campus about surveillance, presented by the PACS department. In 1971 Ellsberg leaked a report titled "United States Vietnam Relations, 1945-1967," better known as the "Pentagon Papers."

"(Ellsberg) is the political grandfather of Edward Snowden," said Eichenmueller.

Some students do not agree with the discussion group's ap-

"Basically, I agree that unwarranted wiretapping and other violations of the Constitution need to be addressed. However, the surveillance club is going about it the wrong way," said junior Benjamin Souders. "Our politicians, particularly the president, have the power to put a stop to violations of the Constitution committed by the NSA, TSA and other government or private organizations."

Members of the group find opposing viewpoints better than no conversation at all. Eichenmueller said, "We need to have a broad public debate of what is allowed and what is not, of what is legal and what is not, what is ethically more justified and what is not."

"I expect the group to participate in informed and thought-provoing discourse," said Weintraub.



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Married faculty and staff work side by side in various departments

By RACHEL CLINE

While every couple has a different story, some of Huntingdon's professional couples share a common trait: co-working on the Juniata College campus.

"In a small town like this, it's a tough gig for dual professional couples; I think that's why you have quite a few couples that both work here, and the College has been good about that," said Assistant Dean of Students Daniel Cook-Huffman, who is married to Celia Cook-Huffman, professor of conflict resolution.

"Especially for faculty, if you have a spouse with an advanced degree, there are no opportunities here," said Uma Ramakrishnan, who serves alongside husband Neil Pelkey as associate professors of environmental sciences. "You have to move somewhere with opportunities for both, and in Huntingdon it's limited."

"Our work lives don't intersect that much," said D. Cook-Huffman, when asked how often he sees his wife throughout the day. The same is true for many Juniata couples.

"Our jobs are in different departments," said Library Director John Mumford, husband of Jessica Mumford, director of student activities.

John and Jessica met at Juniata and were married last August. They try to see each other when they can on campus. "We sometimes have lunch, sometimes workout, or sometimes just run into each other," said Jessica Mumford.

"There are days when we have literally not seen each other until we get back home in the evening,"





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HALEY CHANDLER-REED / JUNIATIAN Clockwise, from top left: Jess and John Mumford, Dan and Celia Cook-Huffman, Lubica Baranova and Peter Baran, Uma

said Ramakrishnan.

Ramakrishnan and Neil Pelkey

Despite working in separate departments, "we pretty much know what happened in the other person's work day," said Pelkey.

Working at the same institution has its benefits. Co-working couples have the opportunity to learn more about aspects of the campus in which they may not otherwise be involved.

"I think I have a much better sense of what happens in the

student services side of things, because I watch him go out at midnight or 4:00 a.m. for hospital calls," said C. Cook-Huffman. "As a faculty person I have a much greater sense than a lot of my fellows of the level of support we give our students out of this office."

"But we don't talk shop with names," said D. Cook-Huffman.

Working with one's spouse may not always be a completely positive experience, however.

"Early on it was a little bit harder because we'd never been in the same department, let alone right next to each other, but now we try not to have too much overlap," said Ramakrishnan. "Neil runs the environmental studies program, I run the wildlife program. We have separate classes, our offices are on separate floors, so I don't think we meet as much as you would think."

"I think it would be harder if we worked really closely all the time,"

said D. Cook-Huffman.

Regarding childcare, the couples agreed that working on the same campus is helpful.

"It's much, much easier being right here," said Pelkey. "Our son comes to the bus stop right here, one of us goes down and meets him and then there's four or five hand-offs during the day, and if there's a snow day, we can usually work it out quite easily."

"There's a level of convenience about being in the same location, I think, particularly around family issues," said D. Cook-Huffman, "We're on the same schedule, so breaks happen at the same time. You know, in terms of raising kids it's fabulous. It's easy to hand off, take turns, check in."

"I think it's good that we are on one campus," said greenhouse maintenance worker and Sodexo employee Lubica Baranova, who is married to Peter Baran, associate professor of chemistry.

"We can match our schedules," said Baran, "so that way she can go on vacation when I am free." Baran and Baranova met in high school in Slovakia, where cultural tradition dictates that surnames are differentiated by male and female.

"It is a great community, a great place to raise kids, the collegiality is great, I mean there are always issues occasionally, but that's true anywhere, I think overall it's a really great place to work, very supportive and it is like a big family. And it never gets boring," said Dan Cook-Huffman.

Every couple is unique, but the faculty and staff couples on campus do have one commonality: they share the Juniata College community.

English department's Lift Ev'ry Voice continues under new leadership

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This year's Lift Ev'ry Voice celebration marks a new beginning for the program, which is now run by Amanda Page, a new assistant professor of English.

Created in 1994 by Judy Katz, associate professor of English, Lift Ev'ry Voice showcases the importance of African American literature and to share it with others. "I think it's important to keep them in our history, because if we ignore these kinds of things, they get lost," said senior Diane Nguyen, a reader for the event.

Katz is currently on leave and will not return until the fall. "It's her (Page's) turn to bring new life to the program," said Katz.

Lift Ev'ry Voice is also a practicum class now, whereas in past years it relied on volunteers. "All the students who are part of the practicum also run the shows, but they're also volunteer readers," said Nguyen.

The theme for this year is "Dancing in the Streets." The event will be held on Feb. 21 at 7:30 p.m. in the Ellis Ballroom.

When asked if he would attend, sophomore Caleb Ayres said, "Yeah, I would be inclined to go to that because I have an interest in American literature."

If students have an issue with picking a passage or poem to read for the event, Katz said, "I (would) give them a book and say 'Find something you like. Find something you love.' I don't censor anything."

"My favorite part was always the performance. I would go to rehearsal and I would see students sweating and shaking and wondering 'Can we bring this together?' And then, like magic, it always worked. It was always amazing," said Katz.

"I might have heard a person rehearsing a particular work a dozen times or even two dozen times. You'd think, 'How can this be interesting if I've already' heard it a million times already?' but there's something that happens... that no matter what it is beforehand, when you put it on stage for a performance, it's brand new. It's like you've never

heard it before. It's just an amazing experience," said Katz.

In past years, live music and bands would perform to show-case other aspects of African American culture besides literature. For the 2014 event, there will be a custom DJ mix. Plus "one person has volunteered to sing so we will have someone performing a song," said Page.

Page wants the program to be organized primarily by the

students. "She appreciates that this is something that we as students are taking charge of," said Nguyen. When asked about the program, Page said, "I really want it to be student driven, student ideas, student run, so wherever the students go."

When asked about her plans for the future of Lift Ev'ry Voice, Page said, "It's going to be up to the students where the program goes."

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Another party at East turns gruesome

By CODY GREENWALD

A party was interrupted when senior Andrew Luderitz was rushed from East Hall to the JC Blair Emergency Room, midnight, Jan. 27, after his fingers were crushed in a common-room door.

"I turned to talk to someone," said Luderitz, "and I slid my hand between the door and the doorframe." During that same moment, people were being urged out of the room. Seconds later, unaware of Luderitz's hand, someone had closed and latched the door.

Immediately after the occurrence, Luderitz thought to himself, "My fingers are probably on the floor."

"This was karma. I had joked about that girl who got her thumb cut off two years ago from the same thing," said Luderitz. "At first, I was in more shock than in pain, but the pain did come later on."

Patched Up

Luderitz said he was discharged from the hospital around 4:00 a.m. with 18 stitches and a cast to hold his arm in place.

"I fractured my middle and ring finger," said Luderitz, "and lost the nail on the middle." "I'm a righty. This is my pong hand," said Luderitz. Everyday tasks, such as writing and putting in contacts, will now prove to be an unexpected challenge for this semester. The prognosis calls for six weeks of recovery according to Luderitz.

When asked about how he thought alcohol consumption had influenced the outcome of the situation Luderitz said, "I feel like alcohol had played a role, but not as much as people would assume."

Campus Concern

Junior Forest Miller, a friend of Luderitz, said he heard about the incident around 1:00 a.m., but that he did not know who was hurt until the following morning.

"My first thought was, 'Oh no, not again!" said Miller, again referring to the story of a severely injured international student some years back, "but when I found out he didn't lose his finger, I was relieved."

"When alcohol is involved, people need to be more aware of their surroundings," said junior Jake Lasinsky, another friend of Luderitz. He said that if people make an effort to be more conscious of their environments, potential uncertainties could

be avoided.

Res Life's Perspective

Penny Hooper-Conway, assistant director of Residential Life, said the incident had been investigated and deemed a random accident. She also said that such accidents are almost impossible to defend against.

Though in-depth information would breach confidentiality, Residence Director Steve Ankney said the response of Res Life staff—and of other resident officials—was appropriate.

"The incident that occurred was prevented from escalating to something more serious," said Ankney. "The necessary authorities were contacted."

Ankney said he has not seen much of a pattern in accidental injuries on campus, and if he would have to guess, he would speculate that slipping on ice is most common.

"I can't think of anything that's happened a few times, even," said Ankney.

As far as preventing potential incidents, Ankney said that there are many precautions taken by Res Life. For example, slip treads are integrated on stairwell, and everyone has access to ice salt during the winter months.

Ankney also said that Res Life



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Senior Andrew Luderitz needed 18 stiches after his fingers were crushed in a door at East. This is the second of such incidents within the past three years.

monitors the size of parties that a significant factor in student occur on campus. a significant factor in student safety, Juniata has really not had

"We're not counting the people going into parties," he said, "but we are trying to make sure things remain under control."

In regards to alcohol, Ankney said that while it does play

a significant factor in student safety, Juniata has really not had that many accidental, alcoholrelated injury accounts since he's been here.

"From a safety point of view, it's not a very exciting campus," said Ankney.

French students Inès Plet and Antoine Fauquant share experiences

By Tyler Ayres

The Juniatian invites French international students Inès Plet and Antoine Fauquant to share and compare their experiences at home and abroad.

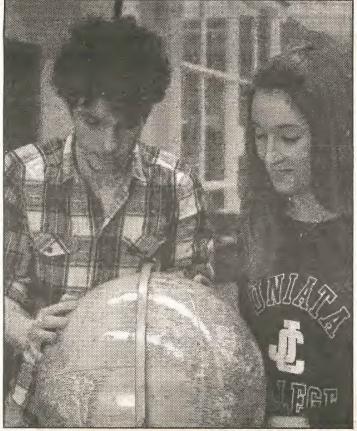
Plet attends the IESEG School of Management in Paris, which is part of the Université Catholique de Lille, the largest private university in France. Third-year students who excel academically there have the opportunity to travel the world.

"I wanted to study abroad, but I had no idea where to go," said Plet. According to Plet, an advisor at IESEG told her that Juniata "is a really good place to study; you would be stupid to miss it."

Dr. Michael Henderson, associate professor of French and chair of the world languages and cultures department, said, "Our exchange program with Lille is one of the oldest on campus... it's been around since the '70s. We have what's called a global agreement; students from any discipline can go to Lille and vice-versa," said Henderson. "There are 14 students from Lille studying at Juniata this semester."

"A thing I really like here is the campus life, because we don't have it at all in Paris. I think it's really efficient...I study way more here than I do in France," said Plet.

Of the instruction at Juniata, Plet said, "The professors are not the same at all. You can laugh with them here, and it's good because you can ask questions if



ANASTASIA PAPALYAEVA / JUNIATIAN

Plet and Fauquant are both students of Universite Catholique de Lille. Student exchange with Lille is one of Juniata's oldest study abroad programs.

you need to."

Another difference between Plet's school at home and Juniata is the grading system: pass/fail versus grade point average. "Because you have GPAs, some students here work harder. Your goal is the top grade...nobody sees our grades, we just get a degree. If you want to do very well in your classes at home, you will never see your friends. That's what is so efficient about campus life here: you can work hard and still see your friends."

"For many people in Europe, the U.S. is seen as a powerful country, so it's good to see it from the inside, to know how people are here," said Plet. "I didn't really know where to go, but I think I made a great choice. If I had to choose again, I would choose America."

Fauquant is another student from France who chose Juniata as his foster school. He is a senior at ISA Lille, the life sciences institute of Université Catholique de Lilles.

Travel is not new to Fauquant. "I really like traveling to other countries...I decided to go first to Australia, two years ago, to

improve my English." He would recommend this approach to other learners abroad -- his English is much better than it was and, as a result, he is able to make the most of his classes here.

Fauquant's friend studied at Juniata and recommended it to him. Fauquant decided that Juniata's curriculum would be an excellent way to round out his skill set.

"Environmental sciences at Juniata are really technical," said Fauquant. "I do a lot of biological engineering in France, learning how to manage teams and use IT technologies. Here I'm studying things like ecology and environmental toxicology, which is really good for me."

Public universities in France are more heavily subsidized than American universities. "I like the French system for school. I think it's crazy, some of the athletic and academic scholarships that are awarded in America," said Fauquant. He feels that the intensely competitive nature of American education can be exclusionary.

"Maybe it's the reason why American universities are known for their academics, but it feels to me to be a bit too individualistic," said Fauquant. "Everybody should have the right to learn."

Like Plet, one reason Fauquant chose to study in the U.S. was to get an inside look at the culture. "American culture is spreading all over the world," he said, "so I wanted to see the 'real America."

One cultural difference Plet has noticed is the way Americans enjoy their coffee. "In Paris, when you're walking on the street, you see many café and bars. It could be with one person or with a group of friends, but when you need a break ... you go and sit, like you and me, and talk and have a coffee."

Availability of healthy foods is something Fauquant misses about France. "You have to look for healthy things. If you pay in DCB, it's cheaper if you eat fatty foods. If you want fresh produce, it's very expensive." This is not so in France, and is a trend related to Fauquant's field of study - the availability and affordability of healthy food options.

Impressed by the warmth of his reception at Juniata, Fauquant said, "I heard that Americans are a very welcoming people. It's true. When you're in a group of strangers here, people introduce themselves often. This is sometimes not the case in France ... usually you must be introduced to new people by somebody who is already known by them."

"The international presence is really important," said freshman Jillian Murphy, who lives in the Global Village. "I think many students from the same country and culture often think similarly. When you interact with someone who has a completely different perspective on things, with a completely different set of experiences, it helps you evaluate your own views."

Domestic students were not the only ones who made Fauquant feel welcome. "I expected it a little bit," he said, "but I like the way the international students are all together, like family. All of us are so different, but we are put in the same situation."

OPINION & EDITORIAL

Remembering Neruda: poetic reflections of a lonely traveler



When I moved to Huntingdon, everything felt cold: the weather, people, gestures, smiles, desires and even me. It seemed that even the warmth of my wine had migrated, abandoning me forever.

Walking at midnight on campus, my eyes went toward the sky; it was dark and deep, and it was snowing. My long coat was laden with white powdery snow dropping from the inexhaustible sky as though a giant was throwing buckets of frozen cotton. The sky looked red, as if it was angry at some ignorant mistake of mine.

I was a lonely traveler treading the unfrequented paths of this solitary part of America-aided by smoke, which has always remained a faithful companion.

I gazed at the mountains, the never-ending snow and the dark clouds, and my sadness took shape. The false laughing and smiling mask that I was wearing till now had fallen off, revealing a melancholic poet; my mind drifted toward the stars of the South, the land of Pablo Neruda.

I remember a line from Neruda's book written just before he died, "Was it where they lost me that I finally found myself?"

I was lost among crowds it was there that I encountered myself.

Poetry is the daughter of sorrow; without sadness there is no possibility for any form of art. Once again. I was alone and I had found

Neruda wrote in his "Memoirs" about his homeland: "Threads of rain fell, like long needles of glass snapping off on the roofs or coming up against the windows in transparent waves, and each house was a ship struggling to make port in the ocean of winter."

In the same way my small room, surrounded by chilly winds of one of the wildest parts of America, was also struggling to make port; my fingers once again dropped on the keypad to write the story of the



man who was a poem in himself.

Neruda, a Chilean mystic, snatched poetry from the so-called literary world and gave it back to the masses. "Poetry is like bread; it should be shared by all, by scholars and by peasants, by all our vast, incredible, extraordinary family of

He came out from the Chilean forest, the planet of blue-capped mountains-that mud, that silenceto roam, to go singing through the world and become the voice of the

Neruda is a man who treaded the earth wearing the eyes of a child, looking at each flower, insect, plant, branch and stone.

His love is the love of a child; is it possible to love like a grown up? It's not! That is why it is always said that one "falls in love"; no one says one "rises in love." One falls and becomes childlike. Neruda wrote in his book which he dedicated to his wife that:

"Only do not forget, if I wake

it's only because in my dream I'm a lost child

hunting through the leaves of the night for your hands...."

As I am writing these lines, an invincible summer has begun to come back to life inside me, if you ask me why I am writing about love in the midst of winter. I will have to say that it's an invisible call of "SOS" for love:

Love, which cannot be put in words; love, which is so mysterious.

In this fast modern life, when individualism has become the principle, we still cherish love, not openly but deeply in our souls.

"I love you as certain dark things are to be loved, in secret, between the shadow and the soul."

We know that we can live without everything but not love.

And a person like me, who does not believe in customary hopes, can only say in the words of Neruda, "If nothing saves us from death, at least love should save us from life."

Can diversity create the issue of 'us' versus 'them?'

Almost every month there is a presentation on campus that has to do with being more diverse, and, for Juniata, that makes sense; it's an issue we love to talk about. However, an issue we don't talk about is what happens when pushing diversity leaves some people feeling hurt, alienated, or pressured.

The true definition of "diversity" boils down to one word: variety. In America this has been extended to include race, gender, sexuality, religion, and any number of other categories. Diversity has also been presented as a requirement, rather than just a state. The media has exemplified this numerous times, perhaps most notably through coverage of affirmative action, which aims to increase the diversity of campuses and prevent discrimination based on race.

This sounds like a great idea. On paper. Ideally, Christians, Daoists, gays, asexuals, males and females, Hispanics, Caucasians, and even Canadians would all live happily together. Ideally each would exercise their right to be different and each would live their lives in a way that does not negatively impact another group. But, as I'm sure you all know, this is not usually the case.

We have all been brushed up against, perhaps even beaten down by, another person due to differing views or stereotypes. The media pays a lot of attention to this issue by talking about minority groups and the stereotypes made about them. Don't get me wrong. Bringing attention to negative stereotypes is an important process which can ultimately lead to changing the attitudes and perceptions one group has about another. Still, pointing out the stereotypes some people make

cases, led to even more stereotypes.

The different feature of these stereotypes is that instead of being challenged like stereotypes about blacks, Asians, American Indians or other groups, they are used as a way to set apart one group of people as being "un-diverse." They are used to create an "us" and a "them," rather than to create a more unified world, as some proponents of diversity would claim to desire.

The issue of "us" versus "them" is the real issue we face in promoting diversity both on campus and globally. In my opinion, diversity is not a requirement that should have set standards, and it is not an issue of what is right and wrong. Instead, it is about breaking down the barrier people put between themselves and others and recognizing that everyone is a person with thoughts worth listening to, feelings worth respecting, and dreams worth chasing. Realizing that for yourself, and encouraging others to realize

about minority groups has, in some it as well, is what will lead to a breakdown of the mentality that there is an "us" and a "them" that many stereotypes perpetuate.

> In my own experiences, I have been in situations where my opinion on a given issue differs from that of another person. At times, I have been accused of not being "diverse," and therefore also unable to succeed in interacting with and understanding people who are not of the same opinion. In situations like these, when people who believe something different than other people are labeled as "un-diverse," they have been made into the wrong "other" while their attackers have made themselves into the correct

Consider the media coverage of Russia's anti-LGBTQ stance. Reactions ranged from distaste to nearly refusing to attend the Winter Olympics, an event meant to bring people together. American 1988 Olympic figure skating gold medalist Brian Boitano said in an

interview with USA Today, "We're proud to come from a country who supports tolerance and diversity and we stand strong." While Boitano claims America supports tolerance and diversity, America is contradicting those values by attacking Russia and proposing they retract their policies.

To be clear, I am not suggesting that it is wrong to believe another person is wrong. In fact, it should be encouraged! In order to have a truly diverse society, people of all opinions must be able to feel comfortable having different ideologies, beliefs and practices. This cannot be done, however, when people are made to feel like their opinion is unimportant, invalid or just plain wrong because it does not fall under the accepted idea of "diversity."

If a person is wrong, by all means, tell them so, but don't claim they are wrong because they are not being "diverse," because without their different opinion, the world would have a lot less diversity.

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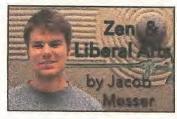
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Success of Juniata community measured not only by its diversity



Who are we as members of the student body?

The college's website says that each student is one out of 1,626 who come from 40 states and 43 countries. It describes us as nine percent "international," 10 percent "domestic minority" and 55 percent female. These numbers describe, and we consider them meaningful.

But Soren Kierkegaard wrote, "For God, it is precisely numbers that mean nothing at all."

He means that our human ten-

dency to break things down into numerical parts reduces the transparency between perception and reality.

But "God" is a loaded word, so instead we can think of a pair of glasses that would let us see with clarity through the opaque airs in which we live—opaque, though they seem transparent.

These glasses would render the world in such high-definition as to make obvious the profound codependence of existence and the power of context over anything's condition.

They would use a lens through which any object appears thoroughly complete exactly as it is, untainted by human imagination.

Looking through these glasses at the Juniata community, we

would see the singularity of each student—her personal story, strengths and insecurities—at the same time and as well as her role as a compositional part of the student body. Think of the mosaic of President Kepple in the Ellis Lobby, in which every student's Arch portrait put together makes a whole new portrait.

We would see that Juniata is an organism, born in 1876 and informed over time by each student to pass within her walls, one that will thrive with new students long after we leave.

We would see ourselves as cells that compose the student body as it is today and for tomorrow, as cells that will die (read: graduate!) and be replaced by future students who will inherit the College.

Whereas no person or thing

exists independent of its environment, each of us is a product of Juniata as it is today and as it has been. At the same time, each of us is forming the Juniata that will shape those future students.

This is always happening, but it is not a process. It is a state of co-dependence among the parts and their whole, and it's the foundation of any community.

To be aware of our organic role as contributors to the community empowers each of us to choose exactly how and what we contribute. Knowledge equips us to choose well and flourish, which is freedom in its truest sense. It's right there in the motto: Veritas Liberat. Truth sets free.

The ability to decide mindfully should be the keystone of every education received here. To live deliberately integrates the self, gives the individual true choice, and can elevate the community far above our power to add or detract through efforts that merely tolerate the daily grind.

Belonging to a community means being a unique person that informs and is formed by a group of peers, and a community is most cohesive when its members work with it and within it, mindful of their codependence.

Marketing materials can describe the student body, but they do not explain nor can they evaluate it.

The student body is our community, and its success is measured by whether we learn to choose mindfully: who we are, how we strive and what, collectively, we want to be.

Health and Wellness center renovation ranks highest for class gift



The tradition of the class gift is something we are all aware of but do not generally pay much attention to. I view the gift as our final chance to make a lasting positive impact on campus that will be appreciated for years to come.

However, a class gift should be something that improves campus life in a way that is enjoyable to the entire student body and is free of charge.

Unfortunately, it seems to me that the last several class gifts have been flops. For example, the coffee bar installed in the library by the previous graduating class is something that many could enjoy, but the hours leave a lot to be desired and students can enjoy this gift only if they are willing to pay.

Even the gift of a clock from the class of 2012 did not quite live up to what it could have been; while the idea of a clock in the middle of campus is nice, the design of our clock makes it stick out like a sore thumb compared to the style of the rest of campus, and it has a very persistent problem of losing time, severely limiting its usefulness.

I looked at the list of gift ideas for the senior class and considered all the options thoroughly. After careful examination of the ideas presented, I found that there was only one idea on the list that looked like it embodied what a class gift should be.

Despite there being one idea that did seem feasible, I was surprised by the poor quality of the suggestions in general.

The ideas for the senior class gift were as follows: (a) an endowed class scholarship, (b) an outdoor classroom, (c) a renovation of the fitness center, (d) a health and wellness center renovation and (e) a brick patio for the new dorm. Two of these ideas immediately struck me as unsuitable: the out-door classroom and the brick patio for the new dorm.

The new patio seemed ridiculous to me-especially since the school is already paying to make this new dorm the lap of luxury. I cannot imagine that the school would not put in a patio or walkway on their own if we fail to select idea (e); we would simply finance it out-of-pocket instead of the school using its own funds.

The idea of an outdoor classroom seems unsuitable to me simply because of the weather in Huntingdon. Yes, this has been a particularly cold winter, but even during an average year, it gets cold here fairly early into the f irst semester.

It would be impractical and extremely uncomfortable for students to have class somewhere that would clearly not be heated because it would be outdoors. As such, the classroom would only be used right at the beginning and

end of each year when it was warm.

The other three ideas seem fairly reasonable at first glance. However, when you take into account the fact that the school is already planning to renovate the fitness center, gift idea (c) seems less appealing. Again, the school will pay for it anyway if idea (c) is not selected.

Additionally, an ideal class gift should be something that everyone will benefit from. While I know that there are plenty of people who do use the gym, I would argue that the majority of the student body does not use the gym frequently enough for this renovation to benefit everyone.

So when it comes down to the last two ideas, what makes the decision for me is how many students will be able to benefit from our gift. Idea (a) is a nice thought, and I am sure that plenty of students would appreciate more scholarship money, but it would simply not do as much good for as many people as renovating the health and wellness center would.

There are currently many issues with the health and wellness center; their hours are too short, they are constantly understaffed and they only have a licensed physician in-office two days a week. The reality is that everyone will eventually need some service that the health and wellness center provides. No matter how healthy a student is, they will eventually get sick, and there are always students in crises that benefit from talking to a doctor or counselor.

Gift (d) is something that I believe would improve the quality life for students who need it the most: those who are having problems—either physically, mentally, or emotionally.

I would urge the senior class to please give the gift ideas careful consideration before making a decision. Even though we will not be here to see the fruits of our labors, we have the potential to do something that will make a real difference for the students who come after us.

Presidential Perspective

I hope you are having a great semester while avoiding the incessant and turbulent gusts of the Polar Vortex. Student Government is in the process of restructuring our constitution as well as determining the various ways to reach out to all of you for input. We are constantly trying to find ways to improve our school and we need

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improve our school and we need your help. Student Government is an enactor, but we need things to enact, like you need seeds for a plant. Student Government needs your ideas – seeds – for potential improvements at Juniata.

Say you have an idea for making Juniata an inspiring educational institution. Make sure you share that idea with either your student representative, CIS representative, or the Executive Board. We will work with you on making that idea a reality and if we can't help, we will find someone to address your concerns. Student Government has representatives that sit in various committees -- from the Board of Trustees to the Food Commit-

tee to Student Affairs to the Budget Committee that keeps track of Juniata's finances, we are here to serve you!

If the Executive Board finds your idea appropriate to bring to the Senate floor, your idea will be brought to Senate. At this forum, you can present your idea and receive constructive feedback. Should your idea warrant a 'go,' resources will be made available for implementation. The Executive Board can also address your ideas to the Senate on your behalf.

Mahatma Gandhi once stated, "Be the change you want to see in the world." Juniata is our college and together, we can make our years at Juniata memorable by making those years the best years of our lives through the improvements effected by all of us for future Juniatians. This is our college experience and potentially our legacy and it's up to us how we shape it. As always, Student Government is here to serve you.

Anshu Chawla Student Government President A large majority of students on Juniata's campus could not answer the question 'what does Student Government do?' This, however, is no fault of their own.

After spending the last semester as the Sophomore Class President, my answer to that question would be something along the lines of not much, or at least not enough.

From my experience, Student Senate generally just approves funding for clubs, and that's about it. There are a bunch of reasons why student government is so ineffective and those reasons range from representatives who are not willing to put the time in, to the government body being fiscally incompetent.

The fact that some student representatives are not willing to go the extra mile, seeking only to use their position as a resume booster, is repulsing, but right now I believe it is more important to focus on the fiscal incompetence of Student Government as a whole.

First, students should know Student Government's budget comes

Letter to the Editor
from a mandatory activities fee shouldn't

from a mandatory activities fee each student must pay. So we are literally spending your money. 200,000 dollars is placed in the

student government account each year; 42% is automatically allocated to JAB, another large portion is given to clubs that re-register in the form of 100 dollar allocations each, and about 32,000 dollars is left to be put in Student Government's budget.

Roughly 16% is left to actually be used, essentially to fund club proposals. If the money was used optimally this would not be an issue. Unfortunately, this has not been the case.

First and foremost, Student Government has no idea how that money is spent by anyone; there are no metrics on record what so ever.

Quite a few clubs re-register, get their 100 dollars, and then meet twice throughout the semester. Also because JAB Student Government does not know how the money is spent, though they may do tons of good on this campus shouldn't we know how the money is spent? Shouldn't that be public record?

Maybe that money can be spent in smarter, more effective ways so that JAB events could be even better; maybe they need more money; maybe they could do with less.

Student Government has created a review committee to address these issues as the fact that the organization's 32,000 dollars to spend is quickly running out.

How we spend our money, and if we spend it smartly, is of huge importance because it comes straight from the pockets of students, and if we spend it unwisely we are defrauding the entire campus.

We need to demand more from our student representitives and from Student Government as a whole.

Kunal Atit Student Government President-elect

In living color: rewriting the script of a dated, WASPy rerun



Lena Dunham's critically acclaimed HBO show "Girls" has been praised as being unique, honest and revolutionary. I watched the first season, religiously for most of it, and then I stopped.

I could not quite put my finger on it, but there was something missing from the storyline that seemed so real and genuine. And then the internet enlightened me–I am not a White Anglo-Saxon Protestant, or WASP, while every character on the show, despite it being set in Brooklyn, is.

As much as I wanted to connect with the stories of these young 20-something millennials trying to piece their post-collegiate lives together, I could not really identify with any of the characters and thus lost interest.

Of course, this example does not work for everything. I have seen every episode of "24" twice, and it is definitely not because I identify with the awesomely invincible character, Jack Bauer.

I just figured that a "revolutionary" and "honest" show would be more ... you, know ... revolutionary and feature characters that have not been so prominent in the media since the invention of the camera.

Now, let me spin this frustration into my continued quest to be content with reality; there is a lack of diversity in most higher education institutions and also workplaces.

I feel as if I am repeatedly missing out on genuine storylines of my history that should be taught in the classrooms.

Lena Dunham explained to her critics, "I am a half-Jew, half-WASP and I wrote two Jews and two WASPs ... If I had one of the four girls, if, for example, she was African-American, I feel like — not that the experience of an African-American girl and a white girl are drastically different, but there has to be specificity to that experience (that) I wasn't able to speak to."

However, in the academic realm, when there is not a diverse teaching staff but a diverse student population, you have a staff that cannot speak to a significant portion of students in the way that they can to their peers.

For instance, a former teacher of mine was lecturing on race relations and brought up "DWB," driving while black. She went on to explain how bad she felt that it happened to her friend before. That was cute and all, but it is different when you are someone like



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me who has actually been followed, stopped and harassed for "DWB."

Imagine if you had an African-American teaching the few African-American literature courses through dialogue and in-depth personal experience and the emotions that could come out of that. At least challenge the curriculum more so it does not solely cater to the smallest denominator of knowledge on the topic.

But I guess I should have chosen to attend a Historically Black College or University, or HBCU, if I did not want to read texts by popular African-American authors that I read when I was nine, and that is

not an exaggeration of age.

I'm not saying teachers have to be race-specific to know what they are talking about. Sure, Dunham could research a minority culture and have a best friend that is of a different race to contact and then create a new character, but it would not be the same as hiring a writer who is a minority and having that person write from a first-person perspective.

I am so tired of hearing about teachers asking for opinions on an entire culture or making assumptions that the one person whose last name is Garcia can answer for all the Latinos who ever existed. Or being in a language class and feeling awkward because the teacher says a phrase is universal when it is actually country-specific, but not wanting to correct authority because, culturally, that is unacceptable. By the way, these are actual extremely recent occurrences.

Now imagine the humiliation, awkwardness and disappointment that comes from these constant battles faced in the classroom. What adult figure or teacher on Juniata's campus will these students identify with enough to be able to confide in? Or discuss a shared experience? And feel that someone understands them without having to explain every aspect of their feelings and cultural differences before getting to the issue at hand.

But then we begin to question retention rates, feelings of belonging, acceptance, support and performance of these students. But does it really matter? Is it that hard to find qualified professionals of color?

Bottom line, every single person on this campus is losing something valuable by not having a diverse faculty. The minority students lose the sense of support, and also the confidence from seeing a successful role model. Other students are lacking the benefit of hearing and learning from a different perspective than what they are used to.

'50s flashback: captivating co-eds invade campus, boys' hearts



This Juniatian article was published on Feb. 26, 1954; it is not really an article as much as a commentary on "co-eds" in college. In the '50s, a co-ed was a female who attended a co-educational institution. Although I do not know the details behind why it was written, the facts mentioned about co-eds are remarkably specific.

Since it is February, and love and Valentine's Day are in the air, I cannot help but picture this scenario in my head: someone on the newspaper staff is madly in love with a girl on campus. As far as he or she is concerned, this girl is the "bee's knees."

How do you feel about the way the writer is talking about women around our age? Do you think this article was written by a man or a woman? What do you know about this time period? This article caught my eye, so what does it do for you?

College Co-ed Is Made of Various Rare Combinations

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Between the awkwardness of the high-school adolescent and the maturity and loveliness of womanhood occurs a captivating creature known as the college co-ed. Co-eds come in assorted sizes, weights and shapes, but all maintain the same goal: to obtain boys and poise in college. Co-eds achieve this goal through various methods – polishing nails, flirting, reading, flirting, attending community concerts, flirting, wearing their room-mates new sweaters and flirting.

Little boys idolize them; little girls imitate them; older brothers and sister tolerate them; mothers still fondle them; fathers reimburse them and even the Lord sometimes wonders about them. A co-ed is faith about to blossom; motherhood with bin-curls in her hair; and the hope of tomorrow humming the number one song on the hit parade.

Very Distracting

When you want to study, a coed is noisy, bothersome and just plain distracting. When you want to make a good impression on your parents, her hands seem to spill any liquid substance or full ashtray within reach, her sentences are dull and unoriginal and her mind becomes obsessed with the quickest and easiest method of escape.

A co-ed is a composite – she has the appetite of a horse, the enthusiasm of a firecracker, the fascination of an April walk, the surprises of Christmas, the curiosity of a cat and when something is broken she can fix it with a bobby-pin or chewing gum.

She likes cheeseburgers, Eddie



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Fisher records, Old-Spice shaving lotion, three-year olds, Saturday night dates, new dresses and that brunette who wears such neat sweaters. She does not care much for ironing, diets, homework, guys who swear, wearing sticking to dinner, competition in romance, boxing matches or getting up in the morning.

Late for Dates

Nobody else is so late for dates; nobody else can ask you questions so innocently and keep her store of knowledge so well hidden; nobody else can cram into one billfold 39 pictures, one driver's license, two ticket stubs, a stale stick of Beechnut, a slogan saying, "The weaker sex is the stronger sex because of the weakness of the stronger sex for the weaker sex," and 7 cents which has to last until next Monday.

She cannot open a jar without the aid of the male in the daytime, but at night she can twist six feet of muscle around one little finger.

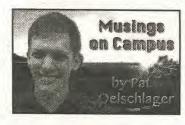
Lovable Thing

A co-ed is a loveable thing - she is forbidden to enter the men's

dorms, but she is usually found in the mind of its inhabitants. She may not always be standing next to you, but she has a sort of special place in your heart where she will remain forever.

Let's face it – she is your captor, your queen, our inspiration, your desire – an immature, pug-nosed, boy-crazy woman of tomorrow. But when life is at its bluest point, your pockets are empty, and you have two exams tomorrow, she can mend your shattered dreams by smiling at you in Totem-Inn and saying a warm, "Hi there!"

Understanding yourself is key in dealing with disagreements



Democrats and Republicans. Atheists and Young-Earth Creationists. Mac people and PC people. Ford truck guys and Chevy truck guys. And countless others with opinions stronger than the smell of road kill on a sunny summer day all make their home here at Juniata.

Everyone has their opinions, and one of the great things about Juniata is that it brings people with different points of view together from around the country and even from around the world.

One of the not-so-great things about having all that diversity of thought concentrated in one place, however, is that it can sometimes be hard for everyone to get along. Sooner or later, you are bound to butt heads with someone who does not see things your way.

Sometimes this is not really an issue. Many times the best solution to a serious disagreement is to either avoid the subject or avoid the person.

But what do you do when your

best friend offends you and attacks your beliefs? Or when someone in your group for a class project just will not see things your way? What if your boss wants things done a certain way, but you have an idea for how to do things better? What about all those times when there truly is no better option than working it out?

People have many different ways to deal with these disagreements. Some people avoid confrontation; others prefer to approach issues directly. Some are readily willing to compromise, while others maintain stalwart beliefs and have to be battered with evidence and argument before they come around.

The first step to handling disagreements is to know which type of person you are in regard to how you deal with confrontation. Whether you naturally tend to argue or are more inclined to avoid an issue, it is important to recognize your own tendencies.

The next step is to recognize the tendencies of the person with whom you disagree. If you take an "in-your-face" approach with a non-confrontational person, chances are they will close up and the argument will go nowhere. On the other hand, if you try to beat around the bush with someone who deals with issues up-front, it

will only frustrate them. Knowing how the other person ticks will give you a great starting point.

After learning how to approach someone, you still need to know how to communicate effectively with that person in order to make

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any progress.

You might be someone who relies heavily on logic and evidence. However, using these things to try to win an argument with someone who thinks more emotionally might make you seem cold and heartless unless you find a way to get to them on a deeper level.

Quoting science textbooks to a Creationist concerned with saving souls, for example, is not likely to get you anywhere unless you can convince them that your views of how the world works will teach them "truth" and provide some sort of spiritual betterment.

On the other hand, if you are an emotional person trying to convince someone who is very rational and detached, you had better make sure your emotions are strongly founded on some sort of factual or logical basis.

"Because the Bible says so," is not going to mean anything to a logically-minded person, Christian or not, unless you can provide a compelling reason to trust your particular interpretation of the Bible

Learning why the other person holds the belief they do is just as important. Any Ford truck enthusiast most likely has a personal story about how his grandfather only drove Fords because he once bought a Chevy and it broke down on him three times in one month. And a Chevy truck fan might tell you how his truck was the only one not to get stuck during the big snow storm of 73, and he was able to pull all the Fords out of the snowbanks.

Trying to argue with people about such long-held loyalties is useless unless you understand where they come from. And even

then, those loyalties are often close to impossible to break. With hardcore pickup truck guys, I would guarantee that it is a total waste of time. Pick your battles.

One of the most important parts of working through disagreements is to show the other person that you value them as a whole person—not just as someone for you to prove wrong! I will listen to someone's views on just about anything if I feel like they value me as a person and actually want to hear my opinion. If they fail to convince me of those two things, then the conversation is not worth my time.

Finally, a little bit of humility and a sense of humor go a long way in resolving any disagreement. Be confident in your views, but recognize the weaknesses in your argument and admit to them!

Recognize that the other person is probably just as fed up with you as you are with them. Take a little time to be honest about how big of a deal the disagreement really is in the end. If it is nuclear disarmament or humanitarian aid in wartorn countries, by all means, take it seriously. But try not to dismember anyone over who gets to use the shower first in the morning or what show you are going to watch on TV. It really isn't worth it. It's just not.

Confessions of a color coding addict: finding your own balance



Since becoming slightly more active on campus and through talking to underclassmen, I have been asked multiple times "Erika, how do you find internal and external balance?" I will be honest, I have not mastered the balancing act yet. However, I started doing a few things that help me out.

I had to try and fail in order to find a method that worked for me. I attempted to find an IV with caffeine, but apparently those are not offered. Disappointing, right? I even tried hiding in Good and Founders, but then I heard they were haunted, and well, ghosts scare me.

Then one day on my adventures around campus, after hearing rumors about these free agenda books—yes free, the one magic word that makes a college student feel like they are in heaven—I walked into Academic Support and grabbed one of the agendas on the table. I figured I would probably never use it, as I had tried using one before and failed miserably. But, for some reason, I was determined to use this one. And I have ever since.

So basically here is my advice:

Use your resources. Academic Support and other offices on campus have different tools to help a struggling college student to succeed. However, do not forget that once you do get these tools, you must make them your own and adapt them to your style.

For example, my binders, my books and my agendas look like a rainbow threw up all over them. I color code everything! My friends joke that I have a problem because I use more colored post-it notes and pens than most people, but if I do have a problem, "Hi, my name is Erika, and I am a color-coding addict."

But all jokes aside, using different colors has saved my life and could possibly save yours; if not your life, at least your sanity. Colorcoding helps you see everything you need to do for each individual class; the ability to see each task delineated allows you to remember, as well as know, what you have to do in order to accomplish these

Also, the use of color coding in an agenda helps you stay balanced because your week is planned out and you are forced to acknowledge that certain things need to happen before, say, that meeting at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, or before Sunday night, so you can watch your favorite TV show. You cannot avoid the tasks because they are bright, and in charge and ready to

be overcome!

The colors also help you prioritize. Color code the class you find most important in your favorite color and then use your least favorite color for the class that requires less work. While prioritizing, remember that you are human and you cannot conquer everything at once. Sometimes you are going to have to put things off for another day. Please do not take this as me saying, "It is fine to not do your school work." What I really am saying is: understand your limits.

Although I failed several times at finding a balance, I quickly learned that I cannot do everything I want to in the world. So again, if you get nothing out of my color rant or this column at all, remember you have to live, try and fail before you learn anything.

Balance is something you need to learn. It is a very in-depth process that requires figuring out who you are. I cannot tell you what works for you, but I can tell you what worked for me and hope that it helps you.

If you are having a difficult week and feeling like you cannot stay afloat, just remember it is okay to have a moment of panic. You are human. Cry and eat ice cream if you need to—it's okay, I promise! You will be able to find the surface in the end even if it does not feel like it. Remind yourself that you have handled these situations before. Basically, you need to learn your limits and have those 'down' moments to push you that much further.

Keep reminding yourself that you are human-that is the key to balance.

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Unique frame of 'Dorian Gray' confronts gay identity



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The Juniata Theater Department will present Oscar Wilde's novella "The Picture of Dorian Gray" on Feb. 24-25, with a unique, theatrical spin on account of writer and director Neal Utterback.

Dorian Gray's story involves a young wealthy man's fear of age and his relentless quest to quench a dark thirst for pleasure at the cost of his cursed portrait.

Of Juniata's two Wilde plays-"Dorian Gray" and "The Importance of Being Earnest"-Utterback said this one is a product of the Gravity Partners program with the College and will be taken to a summer event in New York City.

Stage Manager Heidi Kleber, a junior, said that Utterback required all actors auditioning for the play to have their lines memorized by the time they returned from winter break. Upon their return, one week was taken to block the scenes.

Utterback emphasizes each character's behavior by using a minimalist approach to stage design. Additionally, Kleber described how this actor-driven style is taken a step further with the role of each character.

"He wants the actors to be the point of view, so we'll give everyone



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Actors Alyssa Newberg, Jamison Monella, Andrew Kilpatrick and Jessica Denison rehearse in the Suzanne von Liebig Theatre for upcoming performances of "The Portrait of Dorian Gray" at Juniata on Feb. 24-25. The show incorporates several student performers and features director Neal Utterback's unique spin on a classic 1890s novella written by Oscar Wilde.

a chance to play every role," said Kleber. "That adds to the insanity of what 'The Picture of Dorian Gray'is."

Utterback's interpretation of the novella, which was first adapted in 2009, will incorporate Wilde's final letter written from prison titled, "de Profundis."

"One of the actors, (senior) Phil Oberholzer, takes on the responsibility of fluidly navigating between three different roles," said Utterback.

At different times in the play, Utterback said that Oberholzer is Wilde himself, reciting the letter.

"Phil transitions into this narrator character ... and then he becomes the portrait. We're looking at the nebulous boundary between art and artist," said Utterback.

At the time of publication in 1890, Wilde had received a large

amount of criticism for the alleged homoerotic undertones in "The Picture of Dorian Gray." These tones were made apparent through the relationships Gray develops with people like Basil Hallward, the painter.

"I think there are a lot of similarities between our contemporary American ideas and the sometimes strict, moral compunctions of Wilde's Victorian era,"

said Utterback. It is within the struggles of gay rights, identity and culture in America that these similarities emerge.

"We've come a really long way as a culture," said Utterback regarding gay rights. "And I think we have to be really careful about resting on our laurels ... I think we're still wrestling with those ideas."

Wilde's work not only confronts the issue of gay identity in a conservative world but also examines the human condition that yearns for satisfaction through the many pleasures of materialism.

What Utterback was looking for in performers for "The Picture of Dorian Gray" was their abilities to provide their own meaningful interpretations of the characters and to keep up with the physical demands on stage.

"I was also looking for theatermakers and actor-athletes," said Utterback. The Dorian Gray piece, in particular, is a rather physically demanding piece, according to Utterback.

The whole process of preparing and working the cast into these characters was collaborative; every person added to and interpreted the scenes.

Utterback said that time restrictions are always challenging, and balancing a character role on top of a demanding class schedule is extremely difficult.

"Doing theatre is tough because there's never enough time," said Utterback.

Saving Mr. Banks' and 'American Hustle' both strong on screen



I have to admit that my expectations for "Saving Mr. Banks" were not high. In fact, the sole reason I wanted to see the film was due to my undying love for both Emma Thompson, who played P. L. Travers, and Tom Hanks, who played Walt Disney.

But I was pleasantly surprised and would whole-heartedly go and see it again. This Disney movie would bring more satisfaction to older audiences than it would their usual target market of 3- to 10-year-olds.

"Saving Mr. Banks" follows the story of Walt Disney in his mission to recreate P.L. Travers' children's book "Mary Poppins." Sounds dull, right? I mean of all the Disney films to choose...

Well you're wrong. It turns out that Travers is a haughty, snobby and bossy English woman, who does not want the film to be made, but needs the money. She refuses point blank to allow any animation or songs within the film.

As "Saving Mr. Banks" progresses, it shows Travers' childhood, revealing a side to her which perhaps excuses her behavior in later life.

My expectation for "American Hustle" was the opposite. I

had been previously told how funny and generally amazing the film was by my friend, a huge fan, so I went in expecting a life-changing experience.

She was right. The movie was funny, clever and altogether a fantastic watch. It is filled with hilarious one-liners, tension-fraught scenes, and plenty of frizzy hair and low cut tops. It may not have been life-changing, but was definitely worth the \$4 I forked out for it.

"American Hustle" is based loosely on a real-life hustle from the '70s. Here, con artists Amy McAdams, with a fake British accent, and Christian Bale team up with police officer Bradley Cooper to try and catch corrupt politicians Havoc and chaos ensues, and it's a hell of a lot of fun.

The two movies could not be any more different from each other. While both feature an A-list cast and are loosely based on true stories, "Saving Mr. Banks" is aimed at a totally different audience than "American Hustle."

Disney's production is a very different experience for those who have never seen or grown up with "Mary Poppins" in their lives, and the film makes plenty of gorgeous references back to it, which is great.

Ultimately, if I were given the choice to watch only one again, it would have to be "American Hustle," as it is just so much easier to watch. That is not to say I would rule out "Saving Mr. Banks." I still



rence. The film is loosely based on real political corruption in the 1970s and has received considerable critical acclaim.

fully recommend that you all go see it for the emotional whirlwind that comes with it.

There was no part of "American Hustle" where I felt the storyline dragged, nor did I ever feel emotionally drained or strained. Having said that, the film never fell emotionally flat either.

Russell's exploration of the relationships between the prominent characters is simultaneously moving, realistic and humorous.

As much as I hate to say it, this is mainly thanks to Jennifer Lawrence. She is downright hilarious, in a way I would have never believed without seeing it, especially after her role in the worst three hours of my life, also known as

"The Hunger Games."

Both Lawrence and Bale are unrecognizable in this film in the best possible way; they pull the whole thing together and are key forces in its driving dramatic edge. If neither of them win Oscars, then something is wrong with the world.

However, it was the emotional impact of "Saving Mr. Banks" that made it as good as it was. It allowed us to actually be able to understand Thompson's annoying character.

Her attitude toward Disney, combined with her disdain for his work, is often humorous. Witnessing a person defiantly argue against the head of a major corporation always is-what nerve!

As is the way in which she snubs

some of the 'Americanized' aspects of Disney's workplace-pointedly refusing to eat the vast array of baked and sweet goods offered to her, for example. Perhaps I gain pleasure out of this because of the British within me; let me just say, I can fully relate.

I would recommend both films. If you want to feel a tug on those heart-strings and be taken on a journey over three countries and into the world of pre-animation Disney, "Saving Mr. Banks" will definitely be the film for you.

If you want a thought-provoking yet amusing Hollywood film with plenty of side-boob and a dose of madness, then "American Hustle" is a must see.

The math of music: numbers assist in musical understanding



As a musician who trained himself "by ear" and has traditionally possessed a limited understanding of music theory, the realization that there exists an integral relationship between mathematics and music was groundbreaking.

Given the abstract nature of both subjects, one can easily see how a relationship could exist between the two fields. Through accepting and analyzing this coexistence, I have begun to systematically consider the mathematical patterns and implications at the heart of music theory while simultaneously satisfying my creative energies. The result: fundamental ideas that were once foreign to me about music theory are approaching a state of crystal clarity. And I have the sole reinforcement of my high schoollevel mathematics skills to thank for this revelation!

The number 12 has a great deal of historical significance across a vast range of cultures. As is the case in many other fields, the number 12 stands out as the most significant, "magic" number behind music theory.

G# A# Major (4,2,2)

G B Major (4,2,2)

F# C Seventh (4,3,3,2)

C# Seventh (4,3,3,2)

D# Form neved Seventh (4,3,3,2)

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musical notes.

In mathematical terms, what we are talking about here is called modular arithmetic. However, what does that actually tell us about music?

In observing that the two notes that do not receive sharps are B and E, one can now name every key on the keyboard or every note on the guitar using basic arithmetic.

The guitar divides an octave's 12 semitones into frets—the spaces that are divided by metal rods all the way up the neck.

What happens when we get to the 13th fret, though? Modular arithmetic dictates that the cycle must restart at the beginning. In other words, the note found on the 13th fret of the guitar is the exact same note as that of the 1st fret on a given string, up an octave.

What's the difference, then, between the A# on the first fret and the A# on the 13th fret of the A string? They are both members of the A# family; however, the two tones sound noticeably different when played.

While the two notes are indeed considered enharmonically equivalent, there certainly is a difference between the two. The frequency (Hz) of the second A#, which rests an octave above the original note, is exactly double that of the first, demonstrating yet another mathematical relationship.

When determining which notes comprise a given chord, the magic number 12 also comes into play. Any chord is made up of either three or four distinct semitones; determining which of these notes comprises said chord varies based on the type of chord one is attempting to create.

Any major chord, for instance, has a modular algorithm of (4, 3, 5). For example: say you want to create an A major chord. We begin with A at the 12:00 position on our music-clock and start by adding four to it (+1 = A#, +2 = B, +3 = C and +4 = C#), thereby proving that C# is one of the notes that comprise an A major chord. We can refer to C# as the note lying a

major third above the root A.

We then add another three semitones, taking us to E at the 7:00 position. At this point, adding the final number in the algorithm, 5, takes us up an octave from the original root A (F, F#, G, G#, A).

In short, if we put all 12 notes of an octave in order on a clock beginning with the root note of the chord that we are trying to create, the notes that appear at the 12:00, 4:00 and 7:00 positions will be the notes that comprise the chord.

Other types of chords such as the minors (3, 4, 5), sevenths (4, 3, 3, 2), diminished sevenths (3, 3, 3, 3), and augmented (4, 4, 4) simply call for a different algorithm to be used in order to determine their notes.

Using one's fundamental understanding of the simple mathematics behind a clock to interpret music theory allows an individual who has never played a piano or guitar before to easily create any chord in any voice by simply spacing out their fingers in the defined intervals beginning at the desired root

While all of the above algorithms all contain different patterns of digits, try adding the totals of each them up once—you will soon realize why I now referred to 12 as the "magic" number behind music.

Ke\$ha enters rehab while hit 'Timber'

As many musicians are already

aware, an octave contains a total

of 12 semitones: A, A#, B, C, C#,

D, D#, E, F, F#, G and G#. Such

is a slightly misleading revelation

linguistically, as the prefix 'octa-'

explicitly refers to eight of some-

thing. While eight has its own

significance in that it refers to the

number of notes in a standard

scale, the number 12 accounts for

The twelve notes that com-

prise an octave operate on a cycle,

just like the numbers on a clock.

Imagine the note families appear-

ing in lieu of each of the clock's

twelve numbers, as seen in the

graphic above; we have essentially

used the clock as a template to

depict the never-ending cycle of

every note in an octave.



Superstar Ke\$ha entered Timberline Knolls rehab center on Jan. 3 for an eating disorder. Ironically, her hit "Timber," which she performs with Pitbull, is topping the charts simultaneously. "Timber" is holding its place in the top ten of both the iTunes Top Singles list and the Billboard's Hot 100 chart. How can someone with so much success be in such a dark place?

Not only is she having success with her music, but also as a reality star. Her show "Ke\$ha: My Crazy Beautiful Life" had massive success when it premiered on April 23, 2013; the second season is doing just as well.

The singer has committed to a 30-day visit to Timberline Knolls rehab center near Chicago, Ill. Timberline Knolls is the rehab center that singer Demi Lovato went to for her eating disorder several years ago.

I find Ke\$ha's news very hard to believe. She was among the handful of women in popular culture who embraced their bodies. She was curvy and she owned it. You can see_her_"bootyliciou\$" body in some of her earlier videos such as "Tik Tok." She was a star who did not seem to care what anyone thought of her or said about her. Her life seemed to be all about glitter, rock and roll, and nothing in-between.

Ke\$ha always seemed to embody the "unbreakable woman" look in her music videos and performances, and that is why I am finding this news so hard to wrap

my head around, as any fan would. A pop star that has this type of success, as can be seen by the popularity of "Timber," usually has his or her life well enough together to be making appearances around the world. Currently, Ke\$ha is far from that status quo.

"Timber" was Ke\$ha's third #1 hit on the Billboard Hot 100 chart following "Tik Tok" and "We R Who We R."

There is a sense of love that Ke\$ha has for herself which comes across in her song titles as well as her "bada\$\$" attitude. She tends to title her songs with a sense of empowerment, for example, "Crazy Beautiful Life", "Crazy Kids" and "We R Who We R."

As a fan of Ke\$ha, I love that, unlike other artists, she can take a song and create meaning. Many people can relate to her songs regardless of gender or sexual orien-

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tation. She is able to let her fans know that it is totally acceptable to be weird or out of the ordinary. The fact that she expresses the right to be oneself is extremely invigorating.

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push of others, in my opinion, is remarkable. I could not imagine being in such a dark place and having the courage to stand up for myself in that way.

Rumors have spread since Ke\$ha has checked herself into rehab that her producer, Dr. Luke, allegedly contributed- to the development of her eating disorder. Dr. Luke apparently told her that she is neither pretty nor skinny enough for the business. In my opinion, those comments would propel just about anyone to some type of disorder, whether it be mental or physical.

Ke\$ha has commented that she is happy to get the eating disorder under control while she still can. I could not agree with her more! She is a role model to many of her "animals," as she refers to her fans. If they knew how she was thinking, they would be just as proud as I am.

She knows how to embody herself and I believe that once she gets her issue under control that she will be back and better than ever. I am anxious to hear her new music after she has this delicate time in her life out of the way.



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Men's volleyball addresses weaknesses to earn no.

By ABIGAIL ROSENBERGER

The men's volleyball team has started off their season strong, earning a 10-2 record and ranking number three in the AVCA poll.

After losing to Rivier in the first round of the NCAA championship tournament last April, the Eagles have been focusing on fundamentals and addressing some of the weaknesses they identified from the previous season.

Last season, the Eagles ranked last in the conference in digs per set, averaging 8.46, and were outblocked by Rivier 13-7 in their season-ending loss. To improve their overall performance, Head Coach Kevin Moore has made several adjustments to the team's defensive strategy.

"We've dropped back our left back and right back defenders, so we've moved their defensive position back a few feet. Part of that was after looking at film, seeing where teams were beating us," said Moore. "After the success of last season, we thought that in order to come back even stronger, we needed to tighten up our defense."

"We then worked a lot on out of system and transitional stuff, where if we don't have a good pass, (we know) what (to) do ... with the ball as a hitter," said senior team manager Matthew Johann.

The team opened their season with five straight wins including matches against top 15 teams Elmira and Kean. In these games, the team earned a hitting percentage of

If we take care of what's right in front of us-the here and nowwe know that we're putting ourselves in a good position to be here for the championships.

Kevin Moore JCMVB Head Coach

.299 and won 15 of 17 sets played. Coach Moore's team lost its first game on Jan. 29 against Puerto Rico 3-2. Though the team won two sets by 10 or more points each, they were out-scored 15-6 in the fifth set. Defensively, Moore believes the team played well.

"We were not out-dug by much, and when you out-block a team by 20, we out-blocked them by 26, that creates very few dig opportunities because the ball isn't crossing the net. So to be almost even in the dig category says that our defense was playing as well as our block would allow," said Moore.

The Eagles were able to improve upon their disappointing fifth-set loss to Puerto Rico when they traveled to face then number two Nazareth in their home gym.

"In the fifth set against Nazareth, we were definitely the more relaxed team. The guys played extremely well in the fifth set. They were confident, they executed very well and Nazareth struggled a little bit. That was the difference in pulling out the victory in the fifth set," said Moore.

The team also pulled out wins against UC Santa Cruz and Hilbert the weekend following the loss to Puerto Rico.

In the match against Hilbert, the team had 39 kills and 17 digs. "We had good passing, which led to good sets and everyone had a good opportunity to score points," said junior outside hitter Mark Feiler.

While the team's dig percentage has decreased since last year, they lead the conference in blocks per set with 3.71, up from 2.51 in 2013. Their offense has also benefited from practicing defensive fundamentals. The offense currently leads the CVC in hitting percentage and service aces per set.

"I think part of the reason we've been able to be very efficient is we've emphasized taking quality swings versus just going up and trying to hit the ball as hard as you can. What has also helped for our hitters is one, our ball control has gotten better and that's the emphasis on defense there, our passing has solidified," said Moore.

Each rep is you understanding the serve and making a play. If it's a bad play, you learn from it. Just trying to improve fundamentals. If everyone improves their fundamentals collectively, each play, you can get very high level play," said Feiler.

During CVC Crossover weekend, the Eagles took two of three, winning against Milwaukee School of Engineering and number 10 Carthage, and losing to unranked Lakeland.

The team lost 3-1 and committed 26 attack errors, their second most in a single match this season, resulting in a season-low hitting

The Eagles begin divisional conference play this weekend against Eastern Mennonite and Marymount. These games will be crucial for securing the team a spot in the NCAA championship tournament, which will be held at Juniata College.

"We still have teams that want our spot, that want our name, but we have a lot of stuff to pick up. A lot of improvement still to come, but definitely a good start," said freshman outside hitter

Kameron Beans.

"We need to bring us all together instead of looking at each individual. Going along with those stats, we can have someone who has 13 kills, but if they're not passing well or if they're not doing things that the team needs," said Johann, "we can't win the tough games where we're down seven. We need to come together as a team and do it instead of six or seven on the court."

"If we take care of what's right in front of us-the here and nowwe know that we're putting ourselves in a good position to be here for the championships in the end of April," said Moore.

The team will be back in action at home on Friday, Feb. 21 against division opponent Eastern Mennonite.

Women's basketball routs Merchant Marine, celebrates seniors

By SAM E. GARY

Juniata College women's basketball routed conference foe Merchant Marine Academy 80-40 on Saturday, Feb. 15. Juniata celebrated senior day by extending its conference winning streak to three games and remains in control of its playoff destiny.

Seniors Kate McDonald and Jordan Hileman were honored before the game. They wasted no time getting involved in the action. After McDonald won the opening tip, she found Hileman open at the elbow to give Juniata the early

"In practice, we really worked on play execution and transition. In terms of scoring, it was more of me being in the right place at the right time, and thank God I knocked them down," said Hileman.

McDonald, who leads the team in points, rebounds, steals and blocks, played more of a facilitator role, finishing the game with a career high 11 assists and five field goal attempts. However, McDonaids hustle and unselfishness still impacted the game.

"Any way I can help the team win by sharing the wealth... whether with assists, points, rebounds, it doesn't really matter," said McDonald.

Head Coach Danny Young-Uhrich also commented on Mc-Donald's performance. "She leads our team in almost every statistical category, so that speaks volumes of how valuable she is. She was able to dish out 11 assists, and she was able to contribute in other ways. That's just the way Kate works," said Young-Uhrich.

The D3hoops.com pre-season All-American's playing style has proved to be extremely successful. McDonald ranks in the top 10 all-time in career assists, steals, and blocks. The senior from Pennsylvania Furnace, PA is currently



Senior forward Kate McDonald looks to pass the ball in the senior day double header against U.S. Merchant Marine Academy. Juniata will play at Drew University on Saturday, Feb. 22, in their final regular season game.

Juniata Women's Basketball's fifth all-time scorer.

After Merchant Marine's leading scorer, Demi VanDerWahl, knocked down a three to put the visiting Mariners on the board, Juniata went on a 10-0 run, increasing the lead to 12-3. Shortly thereafter, Juniata broke the game open with a 10-0 run in which the Eagles held the Mariners scoreless for nearly four minutes.

"I'm glad they [the seniors] did well. I'm glad that our team won, and I'm glad that they were able to play well," said Young-Uhrich.

Midway through the half, the Eagles held a 25-7 advantage due to good shooting and stifling defense.

Juniata limited Merchant Marine's VanDerWahl, to a mere five points on just 2-8 shooting, including just 1-5 from beyond the

arc in the first half. VanDerWahl finished with 17 points on 6-19 shooting and four turnovers.

"She's (VanDerWahl's) their goto player, so we matched our best defensive player on her. We did our best to contest her shots, and hoped they didn't fall," said Assistant Coach Claudia McDowell.

Juniata continued its defensive intensity and held a 42-16 advantage at the half, marking the third time this season that Juniata has held a team to just 16 points in the first half. Sophomore guard Paige Dennison led the team with 11 points and two steals in the first half. She finished with a game high

22 points on 9-15 shooting. "We did our jobs. It was their (the senior's) day, and we made them happy, which was most important. If we play like today, with the energy and communication we came out with... we can go all the way," said Dennison.

After the break, the Eagles picked up right where they left off, using a 12-3 run to make the score 54-19. Junior forward Kelsey Livoti scored 12 of her 16 points in the second half.

With the game out of reach, the Mariners started to show their frustration. Merchant Marine guard Alexandra Winfree picked up a foul when she shoved Dennison to the floor as she attacked the basket.

Despite opening conference play with a 2-7 record, Juniata can clinch a playoff berth in the Landmark Conference Championship Tournament by winning its last two games against rivals Susquehanna and Drew.

"Confidence and competitiveness are two things that we have

struggled with this year. We question our ability at times. This team should be a playoff team. It's a matter of approaching each game with confidence and fighting for the spot that they deserve," said Young-Uhrich.

The Eagles' season has been a rollercoaster ride. The team started 5-0 but proceeded to lose its next five games. They then went 4-6 before the three game winning streak.

"We really struggled with adjusting to injuries and both losing players and gaining players. It was really hard focusing on who's doing what role for us. It goes back to confidence. Sometimes we tried to adjust too much. Kids win games, coaches lose them. I'm so glad we finally got that lid off and the girls were finally able to play," said Young-Uhrich.

"I think the spark was hitting our low point. We tried to channel that energy, that anger, and used it by picking ourselves up and realizing there is only one direction to go, and that was up, and actually channeling that into the results we are seeing now," said Hileman.

"Do the little things," said Mc-Donald. "Boxing out. Rebounding. If we rebound well and do the little things, I think we will be fine." Juniata is 9-1 when out-rebounding the opposition.

"I'm really proud of the direction the girls are headed. I've always thought that we are a playoff team. The way the girls are ending is really uplifting. It's what the seniors deserve. It's what the team deserves and what the program deserves. All you need is one playoff spot to win a conference championship," said Young-Uhrich.

The Eagles came from behind to beat Susquehanna University 72-69 on Wednesday, Feb. 19.

Juniata travels to Drew University for their season finale on Saturday, Feb. 22, with a 4 p.m. tip-off.

Men's basketball drops key conference game against Mariners

By SCOTT ANDREWS

The gym was packed for senior day at the Kennedy Sports and Recreation Center as the Juniata College men's basketball team took on the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy Mariners in their final home game of the season. Juniata built a ten-point cushion going into halftime, but could not hold off a Merchant Marine scoring surge, dropping the game 61-66.

The Eagles are now 14-9 on the year and are 5-7 in Landmark Conference play.

Merchant Marine won the opening tip, but Juniata was the first on the board with 18:19 remaining in the first half after a foul sent senior guard Jeremy Hays to the line for two shots. Hays converted 5-11 from the field and 1-2 from behind the arc, adding to a team-high four assists. After a layup by Merchant Marine made it 2-2, Juniata went on it's longest run of the first half, scoring seven points in a row to jump out to a 9-2 lead.

At the ten-minute mark, Juniata was leading 14-9 after a threepointer from senior guard Kevin Stapleton and a two point jumper from fellow senior guard Pat Cassidy. Stapleton finished the game with 11 points, hitting 3-6 from behind the arc. Cassidy hit all three shots that he took in the game, hitting both his field goal attempts as well as dropping his only threepoint attempt.

With 6:54 remaining in the half, senior guard Dimitri Ross tossed up a perfect three to increase Juniata's lead to 22-11, the largest lead of the night. Ross ended

the game with 12 points in 12 minutes played.

After a few points from the bench, Stapleton spotted up and knocked down a three. He followed it by a quick deuce to make the score 30-20 with 2:15 remaining on the clock. Sophomore guard Justin Fleming got to the basket and laid one in as time expired for his only points of the game.

In the first half, Juniata was able to convert 11-26 field goals, 5-13 from behind the arc, and 5-6 from the foul line, compared to Merchant Marine only hitting 10-23 from inside the arc, 1-9 from deep and 1-5 from the foul line.

Juniata started the second half with senior forward Brian Scholly nailing a 3-pointer only half a minute into the period. After a couple baskets for both teams, Juniata was still ahead 38-30 with 16:20 remaining on the clock. Two back-to-back Merchant Marine jumpers cut Juniata's lead to 38-34, switching the momentum towards the Mariners, which served to be a turning point in the game. Halfway through the second period, Merchant Marine tied the game at 45-45, marking the first time since the beginning of the first half that Juniata had not been in

Juniata fought back with Scholly making a short jumper and free throw. Stapleton and Ross also knocked down one three-pointer each to make the score 54-50. The Mariners tied it up again at 59-59 with 3:41 left on the clock.

"They rev'd up their defense, but the bigger thing is they made shots which allowed them to set the pressure. They didn't allow us



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Senior guard Dimitri Ross moves to open up for freshman forward Nate Ogle.

to penetrate, which forced us into more half-court sets," said Juniata's Head Coach Greg Curley.

A layup by Hays to make it 61-59 with 3:03 remaining in the game was Juniata's last basket. The Mariners scored seven unanswered points to finish out

Merchant Marine senior forward Nick Sergio had a gamehigh 19 points while Hays lead the

Eagles with 18 points, after going 7-7 from the foul line.

"With as many points as they scored, we needed to score some points to set our defense to put a little more pressure on them. I thought that was a pretty good defensive effort we put in there. We had a mismatch inside but we did a pretty good job handling it,"

Merchant Marine's Sergio was

that mismatch. Sergio was a perfect 9-9 from the foul line, adding five buckets inside the paint and 12 rebounds. "He's a senior that came up big and did what he needed to do," said Curley.

After the game, it was clear that the Eagles are already getting prepared for their two remaining road games. "Hopefully we can win both of those and move right into the playoffs because we're right on the borderline to get in," said Hays.

"We can't let the scoreboard define what success is or what we've done. I'm disappointed for them because I thought they deserved to win that game and deserved to go out on a win, but we're not done playing basketball either," said Curley.

"It's very rare that seven seniors ever come through any program. I happen to be very proud of that. I'm very proud of them for staying together," said Curley. "We need to just regroup and keep fighting and come back and see what we can do this week."

"Every game we hope to just be us, and if we stick the course and do what is going to help us succeed, we'll be fine every game," said senior forward Brian Scholly.

"Until tonight, every game we've lost we've beaten ourselves, so usually the focus is on that and doing the things we need to do. More worrying about us as opposed to our opponent," said Stapleton.

The Eagles lost Wednesday, Feb. 19, against Susquehanna 59-58. They play a double-header on Saturday at Drew University in their last regular season game.

Swimmers dust records

By ERIN GAINES

Women's swimming competed in the three-day Landmark Conference Championship meet at Marywood University and placed seventh overall. The Eagles broke multiple school records with strong individual and relay performances.

Senior Hillary Palmer broke the record she set at Landmark Championships last season in the 200-yard IM with a second place finish in 2:11.88. Palmer also set a new record in the 100-yard backstroke in 59.37.

Palmer, freshman Erika Fimple and sophomores Tzvia Cahn and Emily Nye set records in three relays at the championship meet. The four began by breaking the Landmark, pool and team re-

cord in the 200-yard freestyle relay with a time of 1:38.53. The race was the first relay victory in program history.

Palmer, Fimple, Cahn and Nye placed first in the 400-yard medley relay with a time of 4:05.83 and also placed second in the 200-yard medley relay with a time of 1:51.24. Both relays set new school records.

Fimple also placed second in both the 100-yard and 200-yard butterfly races. Her performances broke school records she set previously in the season.

The record setting performances earned Palmer, Cahn, Nye and Fimple first and second team allconference status. Palmer and Fimple earned all-conference accolades in five events.

lympics burn hole in nation's pocket

EDITORIAL

The increasing price of entertainment is no stranger. Between salaries, winnings and endorsements, professional athletes are paid millions every year. Extravagance and awe factor come hand in hand. We build monumental stadiums just for sporting events. And don't forget the Super Bowl halftime shows and commercials.

Even in recessions, Americans continue to spend money on entertainment. But what is the cost of entertainment when the whole world is watching?

Since 776 B.C., the Olympic Movement has taken its viewers around the world. With 204 National Olympic Committees and

over 6,000 athletes at the 2014 Winter Games, it seems like the whole world has turned its gaze to Sochi, Russia

No two Olympic Games have been exactly the same. No two have cost the same, either. Though one thing has remained consistent: the rising cost. In the 30 years since the 1984 Winter Olympics in Sarajevo, Yugoslavia, the price to host the Olympics has ballooned from \$546 million to an estimated \$51 billion for this year's games.

Looking at the price tag on the, there's a sense of curiosity. How can a country spend that much in preparation for a two week event?

The answer comes in the form of buildings and complexes, transportation ways and broadcast centers. The host countries of use the

opening ceremony to showcase who they are as a nation. These spectacles of sheer entertainment and artistic design-that have little to do with Olympic competitionsare often what people remember. Fisht stadium in Sochi is the first that will only hold two events: the opening and closing ceremonies.

As far as athletic stadiums go, Fisht is cheaper than some major stadiums (Cowboys Stadium, 2009: \$1.15 billion). Fisht cost \$779 million and will be used after the games as a training stadium and a location for the 2018 FIFA World Cup.

The price is relatively normal, but let's add on the five sports venues in the coastal cluster and the six in the mountain cluster. And there is an Olympic Village at both sites, and the Main Press Centre and the International Broadcast Centre. And we cannot forget the new railway that connects the two!

Yes, building this many venues for the Olympic Games is a necessity so that all events are in one place. You simply can't fly athletes all over the country when the games are meant to be hosted in one city. However, pork barrel spending is not a necessity. It goes to show the lengths to which people will go to keep things as entertaining as possible.

Entertainment for one country is expensive. When the whole world is watches, something changes. Making a good impression is more important. Showcasing the country becomes the ideal. Extravagance becomes normal.

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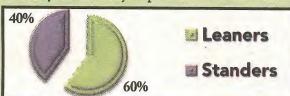


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For all the Merit Scholarship money I received for my athleticism.

I didn't know how else to spend my parent's money. Mike K.'15

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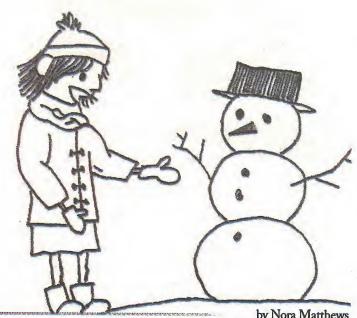
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by Nora Matthews

Liem conquers a second Bailey

By RACHEL CLINE

On Tuesday, March 4, senior Reinaldo Hermawan Liem won the 104th Bailey Oratorical in the Suzanne von Liebig Theatre. Liem, now a two-time winner of the Bailey Oratorical, also won the 103rd Bailey Oratorical in 2013. Liem is the second person in the history of the Bailey to accomplish this feat.

This year's prompt asked, "What will it take for freedom, justice and equality to ring true for all?"

"The prompt was inspired by the 50th anniversary of Martin Luther King's 'I have a dream' speech. We thought it was perfect. This is an oratorical contest so we're very interested in speeches that make a difference," said Thornbury Chair of Communication Donna Weimer.

"Decades ago, Dr. Martin Luther King said our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter," said Liem during his speech.

Liem used his eight minutes at the Bailey podium to talk about how speaking up can save lives.

"Silence breeds torture and



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Reinaldo Hermawan Liem, a senior from Indonesia, goes down as one of two individuals in 104 years of Juniata's history to win first place at the Bailey Oratorical two years in a row.

pain, but when our voices are heard speaking up, they create change for a better society," said Liem.

Immediately after participating in the preliminaries, Liem said, "The prompt was really

broad, and it's not related to my field, which is finance. It's more political. But I think I challenged myself to know more about what's going on in the world."

When asked how he felt about

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Huntingdon drug culture

By WYATT HALL

Drug use in Huntingdon, as in most communities, is an issue. But contrary to the beliefs held by many college students concerning drugs in town, the problem is not as large as many might think.

Here are a few common misconceptions:

I. Everyone's smoking meth.

When asked about drug use, Mayor Dee Dee Brown and Chief of Police Rufus Brenneman confirmed that methamphetamine is not the most popular drug in Huntingdon. "Mostly, the drugs we have here in the Borough are heroin and pot," said Brenneman.

Other drugs, like methamphetamine or crack cocaine, can still be found, but are not nearly as common. "Crack cocaine was big about five or six years ago, but it isn't really any more," said Brenneman.

Additionally, methamphetamine has only recently surfaced in Huntingdon. "(Methamphetamine) is making its way here from the western part of the state," said Charles Streightiff, head of the DUI Task Force in Huntingdon.

II. Hard drugs hurt the College.

In the three years that Director of Public Safety Jesse Leonard has worked at the College, he claims to have never seen heroin, methamphetamine or cocaine circulating throughout the student population.

"Juniata does not see as many residual effects from (hard drugs) because over 80 percent of the students live on campus or just a couple of blocks away," said Leonard.

In fact, the most recent type of action the JCPS has seen involving hard drugs of any sort was in May 2011. "There was a bath salt shooting in May of 2011 where the Public Safety officers had to remove their weapons from their holsters. This is the first time anything of that kind has happened," said Leonard.

III. The police are ineffective in Huntingdon and nothing can be done to stop drug use.

In March 2013, the Bor-

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New lights for Goodman Field to extend hours for outdoor practice

By Louie Nigh

The administration plans to install stadium lights for Goodman Field by the beginning of next semester. Staff believe that the project will make it easier for clubs and student athletes to find time to practice.

While the project itself is still in its early stages, the planning is nearly at an end.

"The funding was approved. We have a lighting design for the field lighting completed, and we are in the process of finalizing the plans for emergency lighting," said Director of Facilities Services Tristan delGiudice.

According to Vice President for Finance and Operations Rob Yelnosky, construction is set to take place during summer break, and the lights will be installed before the beginning of the next semester.

"Pieces of it have already been ordered. Because it will be disruptive to physical appearance, we won't start until after graduation," said Yelnosky. "The plan is to be back up and ready by the first week of August."

Receiving a permit from the



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The proposed stadium lights will make scheduling practices more convenient and allow more time for use by non-athletes.

Huntingdon Borough is the next step in the process.

"Once those plans have been completed, which should be in the next couple of weeks, we will begin the process with the Borough of getting it approved," said del-Giudice. "It could take six to eight weeks. The Borough, I believe, is aware of the project, but we have not officially notified them."

Goodman Field lacks permennent stadium lighting, which makes the field unsuitable for practice after dark. Student athletes currently struggle to find time to practice before sunset, according to Athletic Director Gregory Curley.

"We have kids getting out of class with labs at 5 p.m. and it's dark about 6 p.m.," said Curley. "So when are you going to be able to make practice? That's extremely difficult, and that happens across the board for all our sports."

"It would extend the (students') day until nine, ten at the

latest," said Dean of Students Kris Clarkson.

While longer hours mean more time for practice, care must be taken so that student athletes are not overworked.

"It'll be new for us, too, because we're going to have to find out how this fits within the time management of our student athletes and what benefits our student athletes get," said Head Football Coach Timothy Launtz. "It's not like just because we got lights, we're going

to decide to stay out there all hours of the night. There's just no way it'll work."

Curley is confident that students will be able to adjust.

"Our indoor sports practice until 9:00. It'll be an adjustment period; it will be different," said Curley. "But as for student athletes, I think it will enhance and improve their experience a great deal and allow them to do well on the field and in the classroom."

Permanent lights would also allow non-athletes to enjoy increased access to Goodman Field.

"It will not only increase practice opportunities for our varsity athletics programs, but more importantly, it should also increase access to the turf facilities for our clubs and intramurals, and to our general student body and community," said Curley. "We really have no quality field space for clubs and intramurals. This should open up some of that space for that kind of use."

Administrators hoped to install stadium lights in Goodman Field last year along with the turf. However, budget issues interfered with

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Documenting a POE switch

By JM DUBENSKY

Junior Sonika Chandra is making a documentary for her digital video production class that will focus on students who began studying in the pre-health professions field at Juniata but ended up switching majors.

"The sciences are Juniata's biggest selling point," said Chandra. "People come here because we're a science school, but how come so many people change their major out of science? This isn't anything against the program. I just wanted to know more, and I wanted to hear opinions from teachers and from students."

The documentary will also on the difficulties that students face in science courses organic chemistry concepts.

Though Chandra now studies digital media, she entered Juniata as a pre-physical therapy student.

"I realized the classes that I was excited about weren't my science classes," said Chandra. "I pretended I had a passion, and I tried really hard. Instead, I was excited about my art classes and my media classes. Now I'm actually excited to go to class, and that's a weird feeling after three years. I thought if I was going to do a documentary on anything, it would be about other people who've been through the same thing as me."

For the documentary, Chandra interviewed several science professors involved in the health professions program as well as students who have experienced the program.

One of the more common criticisms of Juniata's pre-health professions program is that the requirement to take organic chemistry concepts as a fresh-



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students, like begin freshman year in the prehealth program but later switch POEs.

man may be too difficult for some students.

"Truly, we wish every student would succeed," said Debra Kirchhof-Glazier, professor of biology and director of the health professions program. "But that's the other thing: when a student doesn't succeed, I think it's really critical that they realize they are not a failure."

"We've been doing an organic-first approach since 1993, and even before that, in various incarnations," said Dr. Rich Hark, H. George Foster chair of chemistry. "Essentially anyone who's interested in health professions is going to be in training for their professional school courses, so starting with a more biological-▶ see **DOCUMENTARY** page 5

New dorm officially named 'Nathan Hall'

By SETH RUGGIERO

Juniata's newest residence hall has officially been named "Nathan Hall." This decision, which has yet to be publicly announced by the College, was not a result of fundraising or donations.

New buildings are normally named after the lead donor, or the person who gave the most money to the project. However, in this case, Nathan Hall was named in honor of a member of the Juniata community, who wishes to remain anonymous.

"There was no fundraising for this building," said Rob Yelnosky, vice president of finance and operations. "We didn't go to any donors to pay for this building, so we have an opportunity to honor someone by naming the building for them."

Therefore, President Troha reached out to a group of alimni in search of an honorable individual. The group agreed on a woman who has consistently served in the Juniata community.

"Those who know her know that she puts Juniata, and the students of Juniata, first in her decision-making and in the way that she approached what she did here and has continued to do that throughout her life," said Yelnosky. "It is that, that is being honored."

Without selling the dorm's naming rights, though, how will Juniata pay for dorm's construction?

"In this case, because this building generates revenue, we can use the revenue for the building to pay for the building's debt. Basically, that means that we are taking students' tuition dollars and using that to pay for

the building," said Yelnosky. Nathan Hall, which is still under construction, is located on the corner of College Avenue and Cold Springs Road and will house upperclassmen beginning in the fall of 2014.

By KATIE JEFFRESS

On March 7, members of Juniata's SCUBA club and students of the Natural History of Florida course will embark on a 10-day trip across Florida.

Dr. John Matter, associate professor of biology, will lead the class trip with Dr. Neil Pelkey, associate professor of environmental science and studies.

"The course is all about the various ecosystems that you find in Florida," said Matter. "Most of these places are unique. We don't have these types of ecosystems anywhere else in the United States."

Students will gain firsthand experience with Floridian plant and animal life. "The students will take away information about the botanical and animal diver-

sity in Florida: everything from saltwater mangrove habitats and the animals you find there, to some of the terrestrial habitats, freshwater ponds and the Everglades," said Matter.

SCUBA diving was first incorporated into the Florida trip two years ago. "We decided to try and link up because there were a couple of students on the trip who wanted to get their certification dives done," said Pelkey, the club's faculty advisor. This year, two students enrolled in the Florida course will complete their SCUBA certification dives.

"We're going to be down there when Dr. Matter's class is, and we'll be staying with them at some of the sites," said senior Maggie Burkett, SCUBA club

president. "However, they're going down to the Everglades, and we're going to go down to dive in the Keys."

According to Pelkey, the integration of diving gives students a unique perspective. "From the surface, you can look into a clear water stream. You can look into one of the blue holes or one of the karst aquifers, and it looks blue, clear, and pretty, and you can see the turtles at the bottom. That's pretty neat," said Pelkey. "But when you go to the bottom and you look backwards at the sun coming at you, it's incredibly

One of this year's dive sites is Bahia Honda, a Floridian island where freshman Katherine Moran dove several years ago. "The

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Stadium lights designed to brighten field with minimal light pollution

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the project.

"We've only operated with turf for a year and a half. We would have liked to have both done at the same time, in the same project, but it was cost-prohibitive to do that," said Curley. "But now we've been able to identify donors to support the project."

"Our intent is to raise a total of \$450,000 to cover the project and create an endowment to help fund the operating and maintenance expenses of the lights," said Yelnosky.

Half of the money raised comes from a single primary donor, who could not be identified at the time, and the other half was covered by other donations.

One potential difficulty with installing lights is that the working hours of the athletics staff must be adjusted, according to Curley. The change could potentially mean longer evening hours for workers.

"We have to look at that and try to figure out how we can accommodate that best," said Curley.

However, Launtz thinks that the additional commitment would not be an issue.

"With coaching, the hours

wouldn't change anything."

The College has designed the upset neighbors if not addressed Yelnosky. prior to construction.

"The lights have directional design, and the location, and the

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mean nothing. We just work," shields around them, so that it's said Launtz. "We're here a lot. It directing the light onto the field," said delGiudice.

The manufacturer has informed lighting system to alleviate poten- the College that light pollution tial light pollution, which could will not be an issue, according to

"They assured us that from the

angle, we would not have any bleedover. Every indication is that we won't have additional light bleeding out into the residential area around the field," said Yelnosky.

There will be an opportunity for neighbors to attend a meeting on campus in March, where College officials can address their questions

professional art department.

and possible concerns.

"The goal is to make sure we are good neighbors, and making sure they know before the digging starts and the lights go in, said delGiudice. "It's a pretty straightforward project. We are certainly looking forward to moving forward with this."



Sodexo's Simple Servings to accommodate student allergy needs

By Kyle Santerian

After spring break Sodexo will unveil a new Simple Servings line that caters to students' allergy concerns. The line will feature foods free of seven out of the eight FDA-specified allergens and has already been successful at other colleges and universities across the country.

"The idea was, we have had many requests, especially for gluten-free, but we have random allergens every semester from different students," said Sodexo Executive Chef Patrick Goodman. "We felt that this Simple Servings program would really help us meet those needs consistently."

"I think that many people with severe allergies will benefit from this addition because they'll have more of a variety of options for their meals each day," said freshman Alex Stoudt, a student with food allergies.

For students with severe food allergies, even the slightest amount of cross-contamination can be harmful. The Simple Servings line will alleviate this concern.

"All of the equipment that is used to prepare that meal, all of the serving utensils, everything in the area is free from contamination from all of those allergens," said Goodman.

All of the food will be prepared in a manner that helps prevent cross-contamination, and the line will be clearly marked with a sign that signifies that the food is al-

lergy free. According to Goodman, all of the utensils and serving instruments will be marked purple to signify that they are free of allergens.

The new line will be free from milk, eggs, wheat, soy, shellfish, peanuts and tree nuts. It will be open for lunch and dinner at least five days a week and possibly as many as seven.

"It is a four-week menu cycle, so there will be a lot of variety there," said Goodman.

The line will take the guesswork out of choosing foods that are safe and allergy-free in the cafeteria.

"You don't have to feel as though you are being singled out. You don't have to feel like you are bothering somebody because you are asking. That's the great thing about it, which will make it very successful. You have our word and our experience that we are going to be serving safe food there for those students," said Goodman.

Sodexo currently operates the L.O.V.E line, which offers vegetarian and gluten-free food options. Two different choices are offered to students each day.

"I feel that, for the most part, Sodexo does a good job accommodating those with food allergies," said freshman Kent Zelesky, who has dealt with glutton allergy issues. "I am excited to see what they roll off the line."

Goodman plans to combine the L.O.V.E. line and the Simple Servings line to meet vegetarian and food allergy requirements.



Chef Patrick stands at the future location of the Simple Servings line. The line will cater to students with food allergies by eliminating seven of eight FDA-specified food allergens. Simple Servings will use local organic foods for its ingredients.

"We want to still use a lot of organics and local produce on that line because that fits the L.O.V.E. standards. We are still going to try to stay as true as possible. That way we try to hit everybody's needs whether it's a preference or an actual dietary restriction," said Goodman.

In addition to catering to the needs of students with food allergies, the line will offer healthier food choices to students.

"If you are just looking to eat healthy, it is a nice, light option," said Goodman.

"As an athlete and someone who generally tries to eat healthy, I think it is great," said freshman basketball player Brandon Drenning. "It is nice to have a lot of variety especially at this point in the semester."

In the past few months, Sodexo has increased their number of student workers both serving food and working behind the scene. The new line will offer more opportunities for student workers, especially those with food allergies.

"Our idea is to still have a student presence there if nothing else just to serve and also to help us prepare those offerings. If there are students that meet these (needs) that are really interested in this, it is really good because they already have the understanding," said Goodman.

The Simple Servings line will be another attempt at improving the dining options at Juniata.

"We definitely had the need for it, and when we found out and that the program was available we jumped on it. It is great. We are excited, and our staff is excited to be able to offer that," said Goodman.

Field Station students gain first hand experience in Adirondacks

By PAT OELSCHLAGER

On Monday, Feb. 24, 14 Juniata students enrolled in the Raystown Field Station (RFS) spring semester program travelled to the State University of New York College of Environmental Science and Forestry's Adirondack Ecological Center (AEC) for a four-day educational trip. The students were accompanied by RFS Director Dr. Chuck Yohn and RFS Resident Director Andrew McDevitt.

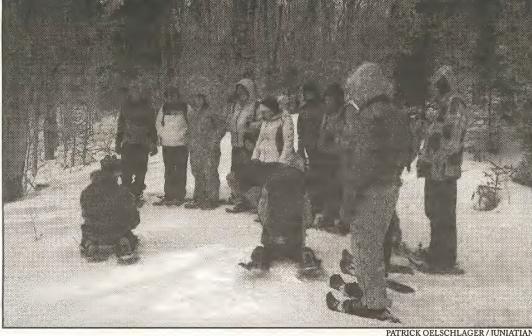
This was the first time that an RFS group travelled to the AEC as part of the students' semester-long program.

The trip was coordinated by Yohn and Stacy McNulty, Research Associate and Associate Director at AEC. Yohn and McNulty both attended the annual conference for the Organization of Biological Field Stations in Sept. 2013, where Yohn approached McNulty with the idea. McNulty was excited to host Juniata students.

"It's kind of like being the 'cool aunt' version of the educational relationship, because you get to be the field trip place," said McNulty.

Yohn was especially interested in giving students an experience different from the one they get

"Visiting these sorts of



Students from the Raystown Field Station take core samples at the State University of New York's Adriondack Ecological Center. RFS students braved the cold weather for a four-day trip to learn about tracking, trapping and wildlife research.

structure are really good for our students to see a bigger picture of the sciences that I don't think they get a good sense of at Juniata because of our scale," said Yohn.

Yohn emphasized that this trip provided a lesson in some of the harsh realities of wildlife research, such as bitter winter weather.

"(To) travel north, sort of into the teeth of winter, is a way to sort of force us to look at it and all the lessons there are in wildlife ecology, wildplaces with lots of research life survival, how active wild-

life is in the wintertime because they have to be, even though we have the option of not being active," said Yohn.

Students participated in a variety of activities while at the AEC, including small animal mammal trapping, tracking, and creating a profile of the snowpack to determine its thermal value for mammals. Students spent a large proportion of the trip outside in frigid weather, learning skills like tracking first hand.

Students also had a chance

to learn about current graduate research and long-term monitoring projects going on at AEC. Yohn praised the way in which AEC staff provided Juniata students a 'realworld' look at the challenges and rewards of research at the graduate level.

"I asked the center to present the research projects in a context of what a graduate student might be doing in working on them- how do you really make that work in the field, and what are the pitfalls of those processes? And I think they've done a good job of laying out a nice variety of those kinds of things," said Yohn.

Students were engaged in activities throughout the trip and took advantage of the unique educational opportunity it provided. Sophomore Hélène Desmyttère, who is studying abroad from France, saw it as especially different from the experiences available to her at home.

"It's not a thing I could do in France... I really loved hiking, being in the forest, like in the field, and seeing the tracks," said Desmyttère.

Cold weather, with temperatures at or below 17 degrees for the duration of the trip, and impact activities to some extent. Students had to wear several layers of heavy clothes to combat the cold, and indoor lectures were included between field activities to give students a chance to warm up. The cold temperatures also created unsuitable conditions for trapping small mammals overnight.

"The double punch of cold and a relatively low snowpack meant that we just really didn't want to put the animals in a stressful, harmful situation where we were keeping them in traps overnight when it's zero degrees Fahrenheit-that's not

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New greenhouses to sprout up around JC



New greenhouses will be built behind Brumbaugh Academic Center and at the Eco House. The school's current greenhouse, located on the roof of BAC, is nearly 100 years old and has recently caused water leakage issues through the ceiling.

By KATE BOCK

A proposed greenhouse will open behind Brumbaugh Academic Center in fall 2014. It will include more space and updated equipment, replacing the current greenhouse on the roof of BAC.

The current greenhouse is close to a century old and has leakage issues. "There are a number of structures related to what was a misting system when it was originally built," said Dr. Norris Muth, assistant professor of biology.

That misting system has been causing water to leak through the cieling. "It isn't really functional now," said Hark.

The \$175,000 budget for the new greenhouse was supplied by Carl Glaeser and the Margaret Cargill Foundation. "People who haven't worked with permanent greenhouses before are often surprised by the budget," said Muth.

"In our current greenhouse, you can't really control the environment that well," said Muth.

Another benefit to building the greenhouse is that it will be more spacious.

"There's a lot more projects that could be done if we had more greenhouse space," said senior Emily Harakal. "Right now a lot of the plants are spilling over into the classroom and if we had more greenhouse space, it would definitely be used."

Residents of the Eco House are also discussing plans for a new greenhouse to be built as an extension of its garden. "We hope to somehow use the garden in the future for fundraisers," said junior Daniel Phillips.

Although the two greenhouses are not linked, Eco House residents expressed interest in the new campus greenhouse. "There's a lot of people leaving this year, but I think that would be great to get involved with," said Phillips.

Current upkeep of the campus greenhouse is handled by Lubica Baranova, a Sodexo employee. She enjoys working in the greenhouse and hopes to continue working in the new greenhouse after its construction is finished.

"Right now our greenhouse is in very direct light and we have many house plants which don't like direct sun," said Baranova. "I would like to have part or partial shade somewhere in the greenhouse."

"[The farm] has some plants that aren't hardy enough to grow and survive throughout the winter, so Lubi has been gracious enough to take those in for us. She has really been incredibly knowledgeable, and she takes great care of them for us."

Baranova suggested that a more diverse plant population would be a valuable addition to the new greenhouse. "Plant some herbs, some vegetable which would be useful to put in garden which is outside."

Baranova hopes that the updated greenhouse will encourage more students to visit and work with the plants.

Tracking in upstate New York

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good for them," said McNulty.

Despite the weather, most students expressed satisfaction with the trip. Junior Emma Kring, who is interested in wildlife research, enjoyed learning about winter mammal trapping.

"My highlight was seeing the different trapping techniques for small mammals versus larger mammals, like a deer, and having them explain to us the benefits of capturing these animals and taking different data on them, monitoring them- that was really cool to see," said Kring.

Junior Kaitlyn Yoder, who hopes to pursue a career in forestry, was interested in the differences in forest composition between RFS and the AEC.

"The highlight for me would be getting to see a new type of forest and seeing how they perform research in it, and seeing the interaction of the wildlife with that forest and how it's different from back at Raystown," said Yoder.



Senior Maggie Burkett makes a giant stride and dives into the ocean off the Florida Coast from a boat.

Researching underwater

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water was unbelievably clear, and during the dive I saw seahorses, dolphins, schools of colorful fish and even a shark," said Moran. "It was an unforgettable experience."

"Diving is so different from being on land," said Burkett. "When you stay in one spot, and you just focus on that one particular spot, there are so many little creatures that come in and out, and it's just really fascinating."

To obtain SCUBA certification, students can use the resources provided by Juniata's SCUBA club in conjunction with Huntingdon's R&C SCUBA. "This semester, we're certifying five people in open water diving, and we have interest for another class in April," said Burkett.

Alternatively, students can simply try out SCUBA diving in Juniata's swimming pool. The club is planning to host two more "Discover SCUBA" days this semester.

Freshman Hannah Hrobuchak attended the club's most recent "Discover SCUBA" day. "Breathing underwater takes some time to get used to, but once you get the technique down, it's really cool," said Hrobuchak. "I felt like a mermaid."

According to Burkett, SCU-BA diving can profoundly affect students' lives. "Now that I'm SCUBA certified, I want to pursue maritime archaeology, and I wouldn't have ever wanted to do that before," said Burkett.

Historically, the Florida course has also changed students' lives. "We've had at least two people come back from that trip and say, I think I want to do Environmental Education," said Pelkey. "Additionally, one student has gone on to work down there, one has gone on to get their Ph.D, and another has gone on to become an environmental interpreter for the National Marine Aquarium in Baltimore."

Even for students who do not find their calling on the trip, there is still much to be learned. "Students are exposed to some of the challenges that these places face," said Matter. "Increasingly, in south Florida, there are all kinds of issues with invasive species."

SCUBA diving provides a deeper understanding of these environmental issues. "It's hard to describe, but it feels like an entirely different kind of place," said Pelkey. "Diving gives you a much deeper sense of why these types of places need to be protected, and why they are so unique."

Misconceptions of local drug culture

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ough and state police within the Huntingdon area collaborated on "Operation Spellbound," a series of arrests resulting in a \$14 million heroin ring bust.

These busts were a major step forward in tackling the local trafficking of heroin in Huntingdon and nearby counties, but the problem persists nevertheless.

"Today's arrests are a starting point and not an end to this investigation or the pursuit to ensure that our neighborhoods are safe and drug-free," said Pennsylvania Attorney General Kathleen G. Kane at the time of the arrests.

Over recent years, heroin prices have become more comparable to methamphetamine and marijuana, which has caused an increase in the drug's overall use.

Heroin is often "cut" or diluted with other drugs such as Phe-

nol, a compound produced from petroleum that is also known as carbolic acid. Both of these factors influence the frequency of heroin overdoses across the nation.

The Borough Police mentioned that a drug called Narcan, which is used as a prescription medication to reverse opioid overdoses, is increasingly favored to become an over-the-counter alternative at most pharmacies.

Narcan cannot be used to get high, is not addictive and potentially many lives could be saved with easier access to the drug.

Recent drug-related deaths of four young adults in Hunting-don County prompted a local drug awareness meeting in Mount Union on Tuesday, Feb. 18.

The Huntingdon Daily News stated that nearly 400 area residents gathered for the "Save Our Families" assembly hosted by the Huntingdon County

Community Alliance for Drug Prevention.

The assembly was intended to point the community in the right direction toward tackling drug addiction and its root causes.

"The evening included an information exhibit staffed by representatives of numerous treatment centers, counseling services and 12-step programs," wrote Rebecca Berdar of The Huntingdon Daily News.

The Borough Police, along with State Police Sergeant Harold Rinker, station commander at the Huntingdon Barracks, encouraged residents to report unusual activity to law enforcement because it is a major source of the information that leads to arrests.

"We are not the bad guys, but we are finite and we need your help," said Rinker in the Huntingdon Daily News.

Chandra's pre-med documentary

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ly-oriented course gives students an earlier introduction to many of the molecules that they'll be utilizing in subsequent courses."

"We challenge, but we nurture," said Kirchhof-Glazier. "We do not weed kids out, and I am really adamant about that. The reality is that some students either do not want to work that hard, or they have trouble adjusting. And then some people just don't like it, and that's okay."

According to freshman Chelsea Biefeld, a biochemistry major taking pre-medicine courses, anyone can succeed in the sciences, given all of the help that students are offered.

"If they really wanted to, I think anyone could do well in organic chemistry," said Biefeld. "There are a million different places to find extra work and get help." Organic chemistry students, for example, have access to practice exams, peer-led study groups, tutoring, and many other resources offered by Hark.

"I really dislike the idea of organic chemistry being a 'weedout' course," said Hark. "By analogy, when I go into my garden, I decide what the weeds are, and I pluck them out. I think that's very different than what we do. In the course, we simply say here's the material, here's what you have to learn, here's an exam."

"If a student isn't committed, they're probably not going to make it through," said junior Ken Kysor. "If you don't do well in organic chemistry, you can quickly switch your major and get into something you might like better."

"It's not until high school and college that you really start thinking about what you want to do with your life," said Chandra. "It's kind of crazy that some people are 20 years old when they decide what they want to do, and then at 22 they're thrown into the real world and have to work a job there."

"What causes a person to say they want to be a physician, for instance?" said Hark. "They may

be a caring individual who would really like to help people, but that has to be coupled with someone who's willing to sacrifice in order to do well. Anyone who says that organic chemistry is too hard and we somehow get rid of students who could have been good doctors but were 'beaten up' too much - I would disagree."

Alumni Tara Black experienced the pre-health program in a manner similar to Chandra. Black began at Juniata as a prepharmacy student, but eventually switched to health marketing and public relations.

"It definitely wasn't an easy switch," said Black. "I was scared what my family would think, and I was afraid that it would negatively affect my chances at getting a job. But after I switched, I felt like a huge weight was off my shoulders. I was able to enroll in more classes that were tailored to subjects that I excelled in and truly enjoyed taking."

"It's completely okay to switch POEs," said Black. "At 18 or 19 years of age you aren't expected to know exactly what you want to do with the rest of your life. Don't be overly discouraged by hard classes, but also be willing to take other courses outside your pre-health course load."

According to Hark, changes will be coming to the chemistry program with regard to the prehealth professions track.

"I feel that you can have a very successful program with a variety of course orders," said Hark, "regardless as to whether or not you do general chemistry or organic chemistry first."

Throughout the production of her documentary, Chandra has learned the importance of a liberal arts education.

"Take advantage of the fact that this is a liberal arts school," said Chandra. "If you want to go for the science thing, go for it, but you should also take other courses and things that interest you. I don't regret starting out in the sciences - I just wish I had taken a little bit more of a variety of courses my freshman year, instead of just biology and chemistry."

Mihranian and Myers in second and third

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winning for the second time Liem said, "It's unbelievable. I thought the other speeches were really good, so it's just unbelievable."

Out of the 34 students who participated in the Bailey preliminaries, the seven participants chosen for the finals included seniors Liem, Elise Mihranian, Angela Myers and James Taylor, as well as juniors Colton Hallabuk and Ezra Nikki Halstead, and sophomore Alexandra Bernosky.

Second place was taken by senior Elise Mihranian, who spoke about "the power of small" and how microinequities harm our everyday society: "The way to make freedom, justice and equality ring is to make the subtle, small, everday microinequalities that are so fluid in our lives transparent."

In third place was Angela Myers, who spoke about the fact that teachers hold the future. Myers emphasized that if we want to change the world, we have to start with our education system: "Every child should have exactly the same opportunity to learn, regardless of family background, income or geographic location."

As expected, the finals of the Bailey garnered widespread attention.

According to Sarah Worley, assistant professor of communication, "The Bailey is like Christmas for us. There's a huge element of surprise and wonder and awe."

"It's very dramatic, it's usually standing room only, which is why we have to live stream it, and we get people all over the world listening in. But it's that audience in the room that really energizes the speakers," said Weimer.

"This year I think we had a high level of thoughtfulness and excellence. We had a wonderful mix of students, from biochemistry to environmental science to education, philosophy, history. This is not just a communication event; this is meant for the entire campus, and the entire campus showed up," said Weimer.



"Let's be advocates for minorities, and allies for anyone who's being marginalized."

The long-running tradition of dent from Germany who particithe Bailey Oratorical presents an opportunity for Juniata students to speak their mind on thoughtprovoking topics.

"I think that the Bailey really brings out the best in our students. It gives them a platform and an opportunity to shine," said Worley.

This year marks the 104th Bailey Oratorical contest.

Something unique about this year's competition included the Bailey Button. A nickel-sized button, the Bailey Button is to be proudly pinned to one's t-shirt or jacket lapel.

"This is brand new, we've never done this before. It was inspired by Jan Hartman, who is a communication alumni and the archivist at the library. We're thrilled, and I think it's a good thing to have and to start," said Weimer.

While most contestants viewed the Bailey as an opportunity to improve their oratorical skills, there were other motivations for participating.

"I love speeches, I love being on stage and to think about topics that are different," said Tobius Krebs, a foreign exchange stupated in the preliminaries.

"You wanna know the truth?" said Clarence Yeung when asked why he was participating in the preliminaries. "Extra credit. For my media analysis and professional presentation course."

But regardless of their motivation, all of the contestants, both in the preliminaries and the finals, performed admirably.

"The amount of talent is amazing - it makes it really hard to be a judge," said Anthony Gratter, one of the judges of the preliminary round of the Bailey.

"It surpassed my expectations in both content and delivery, as well as Juniata spirit. I'm just really proud of the students who chose to participate. They did not disappoint. I thought it was top notch," said President Troha after witnessing his first Bailey ever.

Consider attending the Bailey next year for a unique and enlightening experience. Maybe even consider participating for perks like improvement in public speaking skills, a chance to broaden your horizon, a shiny Bailey Button or perhaps even extra credit.

Silver certification for LGBTQ guidance

By Skukura Woods

The Career Services office obtained silver-level certification in 2013 from "Out for Work" to help Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer (LG-BTQ) students in their postcollegiate careers.

"Our primary goal in trying to obtain certification was to help LGBTQ college students during their transition from academia to the workplace," said Michael Pennington, assistant director of Career Services and alumni liason.

Juniata's Career Services office has adopted part of Out for Work's mission statement, "Be educated, be prepared, and be empowered."

"There are three phases of

certification," said Pennington. as LGBTQ. "They basically look at what are the current tools and resources we utilize for LGBTQ students; so they assess the quality and quantity of those materials, what those materials and how we make them available to students."

The Career Services office is also a certified safe zone. "So if a student came to myself, or Dr. Kysor, seeking advice or wanted to talk to someone, we can help," said Pennington. "We could also put them in contact with the LGBTQ mentors on our website."

Students are able to use the newly redesigned Career Services webpage to get in touch with alumni who have identified

"People know the Office of Diversity and Inclusion helps," said senior Zach Strouse. "I don't think people think of Career Services that way. One of the hopes for Career Services is to structure an environment where they can be active allies."

Juniata is one of only 150 schools to be certified nationwide. "Compared to our peer schools, we rank ahead of most," said Pennington. "For schools our size, we're in the highest five percent."

Career Services hopes to continue to improve its resources for LGBTQ students in hopes of ultimately achieving gold certification.



Michael Pennington of Career Services holds Out for Work's silver certification.

Flappy Bird app entertains and enrages before hastily flapping away

By CODY GREENWALD

The permanent removal of the game Flappy Bird, on behalf of creator Dong Nguyen, has resulted in much exposure through newsy headline puns and public responses of disapproval.

Nevertheless, the mobile game, consisting of flying a little bird between green pipes, remains on phones across the world and has continued to reportedly grant users strains of heartburn, relationship disputes, thoughts of suicide and uncontrollable fits of anger.

The strong effect of Flappy Bird on the human psyche has been widely attributed to the game's extreme level of difficulty, as one teeny nudge of the pixelated bird into a retro-Mario Warp-Pipe results in immediate

The game, which Business-Week estimated earned Nguyen around \$50,000 every day from in-app advertisements, has raised an unavoidable concern about the relationship between media and man: Is technology getting too addictive?

"I think all of this is distracting," said junior Melodie Mc-Cammon with regard to mobile access to media. "I don't think people are focusing enough of their time on the here-and-now."

"I feel like media addiction does exist," said senior Meagan Floyd. Floyd said a friend of hers is highly dependent on his mobile device and checks it habitually, even in the middle of conversation

"The only reason Flappy Bird is receiving hype is because the developer took it off," said senior Lauren Bauernschmidt. "As soon as he said he would, people started downloading it." Bauernschmidt said she has never played it and has no interest in doing so.

The term "psychological flow" is defined in many ways because experiencing it is unique to the individual. Flow is often exemplified in artists and their ability to "shut out the world" in order to fully concentrate on their projects.

In terms of technological addictions, flow will be described as a peak moment of absorption into the task at hand where the user experiences an equal amount of stress and pleasure.

Three researchers — two from the University of Alabama and one from Kyungsung University, South Korea — concluded that flow is directly related to media addiction. We're talking about the not-seen-for-weeks-and-mom's-really-worried kind of addiction

The article titled "Self-traits and motivations as antecedents of digital media flow and addiction: The Internet, mobile phones, and video games" conducted a survey of 290 students from a "[L]arge southeastern university of the United States."

From the survey, the researchers concluded that a person's sense of identity is closely correlated with the prevalence of psychological flow of, and possible addiction to, Internet usage.

Whether Nguyen's alleged after-work hobby of coding the game was a strike of luck or whether it was the result of genius, Flappy Bird almost always achieved a balanced reaction of love and rage in the player game after game.

Flappy Bird is not easy to win, so boredom may gradually arise. While the gameplay requires little brainwork, the mission is deafeningly simple and it is absolutely free.

Although Flappy Bird is not based solely on social media, it can still be used in example with the six components of media addiction: a giving of noticeable importance to the game, affected mood through gameplay, a physical tolerance to the game, withdrawal symptoms, conflict and then relapse.

Hypothetically, if Walter downloaded Flappy Bird and experienced the unique flow of extended absorption while playing, the first signs of addiction would be a notable dominance of the game in his life. He would then express changes of emotion due to the game, perhaps by throwing his phone



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Flappy Bird was recently pulled from the market, but phones with the application already installed are currently selling for thousands of dollars on the Internet.

at the wall after losing for the 65th time.

Walter would then develop a tolerance to the euphoric and flatline satisfaction of psychological flow and would likely feel temporarily uninterested and delete the game.

He would eventually experience withdrawal from Flappy Bird and would probably dream about finally getting past the eighth pipe. Convinced that the dream is a prophecy, Walter would go back to the App Store to download the game again — only to find it removed.

Disturbed and anxious, Walter could be forced into a decision to either find another game that will fit his needs or get Flappy back a different way. He could end up spending \$2,000 on a iPhone preloaded with the game from eBay, sending hate mail to Nguyen, or doing both simultaneously.

Assuming that Walter is a broke high school chemistry teacher, he might end up cooking meth, with the help of a young jetsetter, as a side investment. It is true that addictions of all kinds can be harmful.

Alcohol-related assault prompts words of caution, call for responsibility

By ALEY ROEMER

On Feb. 28 at 9:55 a.m., an email expressing concerns about alcohol abuse was sent to all Juniata students from multiple administrators.

The email read:

"We are concerned about excessive and dangerous alcohol consumption among some students. This past weekend two Juniata students were hospitalized after excessive binge drinking. People were hurt, charges have been filed, and college disciplinary action has been taken. This is very unfortunate and not representative of the caring, safe, and responsible community that we know as Juniata ... Huntingdon Borough Police have indicated they will press felony-level charges for incidents of assault on fellow students or health care professionals."

The email also gave an overview of the best ways to deal with situations involving intoxicated students. The email contained the signatures of 31 administrators.

"We wanted students to read that and then to see, instead of just the student affairs staff, the actual names of lots of people they know and respect, I hope, and work with, even, on a daily basis in different ways," said Dan Cook-Huffman, assistant dean of students.

Last semester, there were 34 reports of alcohol abuse, nine of which involved hospitalizations, according to the dean of

students' office. Seven of the nine pl were due to overconsumption, and the other two were because of injuries that occurred while ar students were drinking.

This semester there have been four alcohol-related hospitalizations, including the two referenced in the email. "We had one incident where someone consumed a large amount of alcohol over a very short period of time, and that person was taken to the hospital because that person became quite ill," said Cook-Huffman. "That's not wildly unusual."

"In the other case, a student drank excessively but then got into an altercation with (his or her) roommate, and then, later at the hospital, engaged in some physical force with a nurse," said Cook-Huffman. "We've taken some pretty stringent disciplinary actions on those things."

There are standard procedures that must be followed by both Borough and College officials after such an event. The minimum Borough penalty could be 'a fine of not more than three hundred dollars (\$300.00) and costs, by imprisonment in the County Jail for a term of not more than thirty (30) days,' as stated in the ordinance enacted and ordained at a meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Huntingdon in 1995.

On campus, the consequences are different. "Typically an underage violation-you're caught

with alcohol and you're under 21--would result in a warning letter which would also be copied to your parents and your academic advisers and your coach if you're on an athletic team," said Cook-Huffman. "This would also require you to go to the RAC, which is not that medieval torture tool, but instead an acronym that stands for responsible alcohol choices; it's a program put on by the counseling center that includes first an online component and an assessment, a selfassessment and a meeting with a counselor to review your selfassessment. If students end up getting into a drunken situation that results in hospitalization then they usually get that plus

getting put on probation also for that semester, and probation can result in a \$100 fine."

"If you get that drunk that you're kind of blinded drunk or black-out drunk as they call it, you might choose to drive a car. You might choose to punch somebody, or harm yourself, or something else in a way that's just inexplicable, because you don't know what you're doing," said Cook-Huffman. "That is what we want to avoid; that was the message of that email. Please take care of one another; please, be careful and drink responsibly. Don't do something that's going to really affect your life in a way that's just so harmful and so incredible and so permanent."

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Kirchof-Glazier plans to retire from health professions program

By Tyler Ayres

Debra Kirchhof-Glazier, professor of biology and director of the health professions program, is retiring from her directorship after this semester. Following this shift and her subsequent sabbatical, she will be able to focus solely on teaching.

The health professions program was started in the '70s by Bob Zimmerer, professor emeritus of biology. Kirchhof-Glazier credits Zimmerer with putting Juniata's health professions program on the map.

"When he (Zimmerer) was going to retire, he needed to find somebody to take over," said Kirchhof-Glazier. "I said, 'Okay, I'll do it for a year or two,' and that was 25 years ago."

Instead of having a current faculty member attempt to juggle two positions as Kirchhof-Glazier did for over two decades, the College is going to create a full-time administrative position.

The health professions program is a comprehensive tool for students entering the world of medicine.

Senior Emma Dahmus, president of Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA) and student representative on the Health Professions Committee, said the health professions program has played a vital role for her.

"They've provided a really clear path for me to follow, a very structured plan for each year," said Dahmus. "You don't really realize how many steps there are just getting into medical school. It would have been a lot more



Debra Kirchhof-Glazier, professor of biology and director of the health professions program, will retire from her director ship after 25 years in the position. After going on sabbatical, Kirchof-Glazier will continue teaching certain courses at Juniata.

difficult without the committee."

"(Medical schools) just love our kids. Our students normally excel wherever they go because our preparation is so rigorous," said Kirchhof-Glazier.

Junior Heather Waring, secretary and president-elect of HOSA, said, "(The health professions program) has gotten me in touch with a lot of physicians at J.C. Blair Memorial Hospital here in Huntingdon, which opened up a lot of job shadowing opportunities for me."

Kirchhof-Glazier worked with Dr. Terry Eccles, a former student, to get internships for students. "I stuck my neck out and asked if she'd consider paying them, which was totally offthe-wall," said Kirchhof-Glazier. Her request was approved, and the students were invited to live at the doctor's house during the internship.

Building on Zimmerer's work, Kirchhof-Glazier said she formed articulation agreements with graduate schools in various areas including physical therapy, medicine, allopathic, osteopathic, pharmacy and physicians assistant programs.

Low-cost test prep courses were also added during Kirchhof-Glazier's tenure as director.

"These kids are up against major obstacles," said Kirchhof-Glazier of health professions students. "It's very stressful. If

going to medical school. It's very expensive and nerve-wracking."

To help her students cope with stress, she offers methods of relaxation.

"I made this handout, 'Yoga in the Bathroom Stall,' and you can go in the stall and do this and then go out and take your test," said Kirchhof-Glazier. "I have seen students more and more stressed out than they were 25 or 30 years ago. I think the reason is the economy and also social media. They never have downtime."

Kirchhof-Glazier has helped introduce alternative and integrated medicine to the Juniata community.

"The scientific basis for much they blow the MCAT, they aren't of this has not been proven, but

nevertheless there is promise,' she said. "There are more and more hospitals using it."

The world of medicine is changing, and so must health professions students.

Though many students and professionals do not subscribe to the effectiveness of alternative medicine, Kirchhof-Glazier said, "Your patients are going to be using it and so you should know something about it."

Because of Kirchhof-Glazier's dedication to making the health professions program relevant to current trends in medicine, Dr. Kathy Jones, chair of the education department, says that Kirchhof-Glazier's replacement has some large shoes to fill. Jones said the new director must have "enthusiasm, open-mindedness, energy, willingness to listen, leadership, enthusiasm again and a sense of humor."

Jones is a member of the Health Professions Advising Committee and of the subcommittee responsible for hiring Kirchhof-Glazier's replacement. She and another committee member are going to work with the new director next year to assist with the transition. "The students shouldn't see any difference in the change. It should be a smooth transition," said Jones.

A Post-it note hung from Jones' bookshelf. Written on it was a favorite quote by Kirchhof-Glazier, 'Challenge but nurture.' "In health professions, we want to make sure we're challenging our advisees in their actions and their thought processes, but we also have to nurture them at the same time," said Jones.

Tunisian student garners campus support for peer at home university

By Lauren Lesser

Hadir Kaoubi, a computer science POE and international student from Tunisia, has immersed herself in the Juniata community while also sharing a glimpse of her own culture with her peers.

"It has been such a good experience," said Kaoubi. "I have been able to give little pieces of myself and where I have come from, and in return, I will have gained so much more than I thought I would."

Kaoubi is studying at Juniata under the Thomas Jefferson Community Scholarship program, a prestigious, selective award provided by the Department of State. This program is awarded to young leaders from Tunisia who are skilled in technical areas of study.

"There were very few applicants selected," said Kati Csoman, acting dean international programs.

Csoman also identifies Kaoubi's great representation of her country and her ability to engage with her peers..

"I don't think all people understand the complexity of women from certain countries, like Hadir. I think she is able to represent the women of North Africa well, and she does so with a great deal of engagement," said Csoman.

Kaoubi used her Juniata connections to help a fellow student in Tunisia. When a male administrator entered a female dorm without prior warning, some residents wanted to report the incident, but did not feel they had the power to do so. Kaoubi's classmate, Melek Krichen, risked suspension or expulsion for defending the female students. Kaoubi wanted to support her classmate and decided to include students at Juniata.

"It was great of them all," said Kaoubi. "Those who helped held a sign that said 'I support Melek' and took a photo or video. People I did not even ask came up and wanted to help."

Kaoubi has also become involved in both the campus and the Huntingdon community.

"She really enjoys immersing herself. She is always asking questions and wants to know right then and there what something is or why something happens," said freshman Danielle Ebeling, Kaoubi's roommate. "She likes learning about our culture, and I really enjoy learning about hers."

Kaoubi and Ebeling have taken away a great deal from shar-



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Tounisian student Hadir Kaoubi and her roommate Danielle Ebeling, Ebeling helped Kaoubi gain support for a protest at Kaoubi's home university, and will travel with Kaoubi to Tunisia this summer.

ing a dorm room.

"I have learned so much about Tunisia and just everything about her culture that I would have never known before. She explains things so well and is so patient," said Ebeling.

Kaoubi accredits much of her success at Juniata to the International Office.

"I never thought I would receive so much help or support," said Kaoubi.

Kaoubi added that while her time at Juniata has been very positive, she faced some trials at the start of the academic year.

"School is so, so different. You have homework here. In Tunisia, we have longer days and the homework I would have here at Juniata would be done in class," said Kaoubi.

She is beginning to adjust to American schooling.

"I am finally able to get used

to it," said Kaoubi. Kaoubi described differences in schedule structure and professors compared to her university at home.

"I like my politics class so much that the professor had to ask me to stop talking in class because I talk too much," said Kaoubi.

"She always keeps you on your toes," said Csoman. "She is so, so bright and has such a great personality."

Next generation to shape history with globalized knowledge



I have never understood where one generation ends and a new one begins. They say a generation is 20-30 years. Regardless, it is easy to say that a generation is a link in time, a relatively small speck on the geological time scale.

That said, only one generation connects the ages preceding to all ages to follow. Any small spot on the timeline of human history has to receive seamlessly the torch of responsibility and then pass it safely to the next generation.

Along the way, we get the chance to mark up the universe and bend its arc of history in the direction of our choosing.

Each generation has the opportunity to contribute something new to life on earth, be it making the next time gentler or finding their own historic

adventure. This implies responsibility, which can be a burden, but does not have to entail sacrifice nor does it preclude fun. Our parents and grandparents gave it their shot, and our world is the product of

Here's an optimistic thought: Any generation of elders at any point looks down on the world of their progeny as prepackaged in that proverbial handbasket.

Older days are often seen as the "good old days," but it's hard to believe times were ever as good as they look through the corrective lens of memory.

Therefore the task of any generation is to be men and women of their own time. The greatest generations are men and women who handled the cards they were dealt and thereby ensured their mark in history.

Globalization and digital technology, two not-unrelated factors, are shaping our time.

Globalization is changing the

nature of work. It seems to make smart automation, strong competition and structural unemployment.

This is inconsistent with the thinking of our parents and grandparents that often tells us to find a good job at a decent company working for an SOB and planning for retirement.

We come to college and exercise our brain, and we should use it to live a truly great life—that is, to live using your own thinking.

Lazy logic steers students toward careers with prestige. Writer and computer scientist Paul Graham warned against this: "If it didn't suck," he wrote, "they wouldn't have to make it prestigious."

Our generation has also grown up with the increasing intimacy with our computers. This trend shows no signs of slowing

Sherry Turkle, author and professor at MIT, compared computers to "transitional objects," those objects to which infants grow at-

tached such as teddy bears, blankets and pillows. They comfort and they ground us in the foreign world beyond the young self. These objects act as transitional space between the self and the external world, allowing a child to love the outside world as hel oves himself.

Likewise, computers and smartphones are a vague transition between ourselves and the outside world. They are external objects, but at the same time, they serve as extensions of our mind and body in terms of memory and expression.

Turkle points out that typical transitional objects are meant to be outgrown, and that unified experience they offer is replaced by high pleasures such as a hike-stopping view, sex or a consuming song. Computers, on the other hand, are not meant to be abandoned: the closer we embrace them, the more useful

Right now, our generation stands at the edge of adulthood. Claiming

our inheritance of the earth will require transitioning from "learning how to think" to taking responsibility for what we think.

(Unless you become a professor. ... Just kidding.)

Our generation, along with the age groups around us, will get to offer ideas in hopes that a few will stick or, if we're lucky, leave a dent.

Computers are the most powerful intimate tools humans invented, and our generation may live to see the impending cyborg integration of man and his machines.

Technology will empower our generation to redefine how humans work, and we can shape or reshape the role of technology in human lives.

Will we see neoluddite rebellions or just tune out their rants?

Taking inventory today, life at Juniata is good. Regarding to tomorrow, it is just as clear that no one has all the answers. Get ready to start guessing.

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Healthy roommate relationships require honest communication



I have been an RA for the last three years at Juniata during which time I have dealt with a lot of issues, and for the most part these issues have been roommate conflicts. As time went on, it struck me more and more how many of the issues that I saw roommates having were problems that could be solved with just a little bit of education and awareness about what dorm hall living involves.

Since I have been an RA for so long, the solutions to these common problems seem obvious to me, but I realized that this is only because it has been my job to deal with such things for the last three years; I have much more exposure to roommate conflicts and what can cause and resolve them than

Upon coming to this realization, I decided to do my best to share what I have learned through my years of experience in the hope that it well help students, especially freshman who have less experience with these things, to have an easier time resolving and preventing issues with their roommates.

Hands down the most common source of problems between roommates that I have personally encountered is when one or both residents in a room have a problem with some aspect of their roommate's behavior but are either unwilling or afraid to bring up the issue with the other person. It does not matter whether this happens because the roommates do not feel comfortable with each other or are afraid of jeopardizing their relationship and making an enemy. The reality is that there is absolutely no way that a problem will be resolved if it is not brought up directly and discussed.

In my experience, most of the time when someone is doing something that his or her roommate considers extremely irritating or rude, that person is not even aware that their roommate has an issue with their behavior. Generally, when I have convinced a student to talk to their roommate about an issue he or she was having, that simple, direct discussion was all that was needed to resolve the problem. Obviously this has not been true 100 percent of the time, but roommates are usually willing and happy to work with one another to make their living experience together as pleasant as possible.

However, I must clarify this point; talking directly about a problem to a roommate is almost always the simplest and quickest way to solve an issue but only if the problem is approached calmly, respectfully and without accusation. No one likes to be made to feel like a bad guy for something they did not even think was a problem. Being aggressive or trying to make them feel bad about whatever it is they did is a surefire way to turn what should be a simple discussion into a nasty fight.

Building on this idea, you should always (within reason) be as nice as possible to your roommate. Everyone has a habit or subconscious behavior that gets on other peoples' nerves, and a habit that a student might find irritating will seem significantly more irritating when done by someone who they must share a small living space with for the better part of eight months.

From this perspective, it is no wonder that many roommates have problems with each other, as being forced to share such a small space together is a recipe for conflict. However, when you make an effort to do something nice for your roommate from time to time, he or she will be less likely to find a habit of yours extremely irritating.

The final problem that I have

seen occur between roommates fairly often is the failure to realize how heavily a person sleeps and, as a result, how mindful the other person should be when coming into the room late or working in the room until the wee hours of the morning. Should your roommate be someone who is wakes up easily in the middle of the night, especially if they have trouble getting back to sleep once awake, take extra care when returning to the room later when they may be asleep. Sleep is a very precious thing for college students, and one of the best ways to make a college student irritated with you is to be a regular source of lost sleep for them.

In summary, the best thing you can do to encourage a pleasant and conflict-free relationship with your roommate is to communicate politely and effectively with them. Never be afraid to bring up an issue with your roommate, since dealing with a problem as quickly as possible will prevent you from ruminating on the situation and turning it into a bigger issue than it needs to be. Conversely, if your roommate brings up an issue that they are having with you, do your best to accommodate them, as you would want this same courtesy extended to you if your roles

were reversed. moved from the edgy outsider into the popular world of Hollywood. We turned our heads when Sean Penn viciously beat his wife, and we shrug when Matthew Broderick is unpunished for a DUI that killed an entire family. Countless other writers, directors, artists and athletes have gained immunity for their moral transgressions because of talent in their respective fields.

"But can't we divorce the art from the artist?" Perhaps, but this is no excuse for allowing exception to the artist because of the quality of his work. We don't need to be puritanical in our judgement of entertainment and art, but we certainly need principles.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Recently, decade-long accusations about filmmaker Woody Allen's personal life have resurfaced in the media since his ex-girlfriend's daughter, Dylan Farrow, has reiterated claims that he sexually molested her when she was seven.

Previously, Allen was brought on trial for these allegations by Dylan's mother, although she decided not to press further charges. Allen has repeatedly denied the charges and claimed that Mia Farrow coached Dylan to incriminate him after he started a relationship with, and ultimately married, one of Farrow's adopted children.

With only anecdotal testimony

on both sides, it is unlikely that a fair judgement can be made about Allen's crimes.

Despite this scandal, Allen continues his career and remains the object of fawning praise from actors, critics and others in the Hollywood citadel. If a non-celebrity, or even a star on a lower-fame tier, was accused of something criminal or very morally offensive, he or she would never escape blacklisting (e.g. Mel Gibson). So what makes Allen the exception? Is it his art, or rather, the excuse of his art?

Dating back to the Renaissance, the competent artists and their creations superseded the norms of society. This tendency has accelerat-

ed in the 20th century as Western society collapsed with the weight of failed utopias and the discreditation of Christianity. As a result, art became increasingly interested in the pure and free aesthetic expression over the idea of realistic and beautiful. The artist thus became a rebel against the past who breaks boundaries for the sake of smashing and created intoxicating images that please our inner adolescence.

It is not surprising, then, that we often sacrifice our ethics on the altar of aesthetics when we are confronted with the wrongdoings of an artist.

This moral bankruptcy has

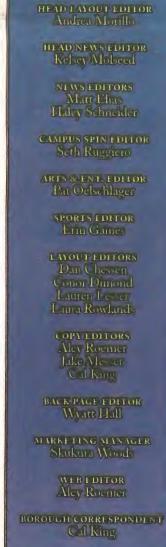


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EDITORIAL

The choice between Juniata and a public university or trade school is a major one. Attending a liberal arts college means spending between 2.5 and 3 years studying your interests, and the rest of your college career laboring through liberal arts requirements-what Juniatians call FISHN.

What is the idea behind a liberal arts education? If a person learns best when she studies what interests her, why make her study outside her field? On the other hand, it would be impractical for a person never to study outside her finite field, because knowledge is not finite.

In fifth grade my elementary school had a weeklong unit on the Dewey Decimal System. We sat in a circle on the floor while the school librarian droned on about alphabetical and numerical categorization. We did not care.

For those of you who also found the Dewey Decimal System unworthy of your time and brain power, here is a quick review: it organizes every published book into a topical category so it can be placed on its proper library shelf.

There are other methods of library organization; Beeghly, like most academic libraries, uses the



Library of Congress Classification system. But each system does the same thing by different means of categorization.

When I first learned about the Dewey Decimal System, I was unappreciative because my ten-year-old brain could not comprehend the implications of library organization. Library shelves embody an amazing truth, which is that every piece of information is connected to every other piece of information.

To walk between every shelf of a library would be to walk among the entirety of human knowledge and interest-from physics to psychology to music theory to Charles Darwin to Walt Whitman to Cleopatra-all organized on a gradient scale according to Dewey or the Library of Congress. Each topic flows logically into the next. No shelf is isolated from the others; every book has its place on the

giant web of human knowledge.

Wikipedia also demonstrates the interconnectedness of all ideas. Every Wikipedia page contains relevant links to other pages.

If you begin on the page about the first law of thermodynamics, you could eventually follow enough links to bring you to the Navaho Indians.

Human knowledge is an ongoing conversation that began with Adam and Eve, whoever they may have been. Every human since has been born into and lived through an entirely unique set of circumstances. Therefore, every human has the potential to pose unique questions and ideas, to contribute to the ancient conversation from his particular vantage point.

Because of our unique perspectives, we each follow different interests and passions. At Juniata, some of us are some of us are international studies POEs. Some of us make our own

Personally, as a history POE, I was annoyed when FISHN requirements and scheduling options left me enrolled in a course called Sensory Biology. Biology interested my humanitiesoriented mind about as much as the Dewey Decimal System interests a ten-year-old.

But through the course I learned why my eyes see, why my ears hear, why my skin differentiates between hot and cold. It was a tough course, but I was surprisingly fascinated. I gradually came to understand why a history student ought to take a science course: history is nothing without science.

For example, the soldiers of the Civil War aimed at each other using the photoreceptor cells lining the backs of their eyes. Without these cells, they simply would have been blind and the Civil War could not have happened. In a way, photoreceptor cells are as much to blame for the Civil War as is slavery.

The overarching question addressed by the human conversation is: Why are things the way they are? A historian might tell you that one event lead to another, which lead to another, biologist might point to evolution. Others might think of the laws of physics that bind us to the earth, or anthropological patterns that divide people into groups and determine whether they live in cities or suburbs.

The truth is that all of these answers are correct, and that none of them are correct without the others. To examine only one truth is to take it out of its context within the bigger truth and render it irrelevant, like shutting your ears to the human conversation and instead talking to a wall.

In contrast, studying your field of choice in a liberal arts environment means taking your nose out of the dirt and zooming out to see the world in its orbit. Studying at a liberal arts college leads students to recognize that there are historians as well as biologists, neither of whom can accurately describe the world without the other.

When you branch from your usual field of study and learn about foreign topics, you begin to understand that no topic is actually foreign. You begin to see your preferred subject in its place on the constantly expanding Dewey Decimal System, which branches out for miles in each direction and would collapse if a single shelf were removed.

Testing one's soul for its true inner courage and strength



Since long I had abandoned my pen, like a snake in winter who hibernates itself in the depths of the earth, only to appear on the surface after regaining its venom.

Smoking my cigarette amidst the trees, in the half-sun of Huntingdon, still dull due to the snow capped mountain range, I see a bird pecking on anonymous insects. It is an Acridotheres, which are very common in my homeland. We see, touch, smell and hear certain things and are transported to another world.

Sceneries in our eyes melt, just like the ice which when autumn comes, turns lively green leaves into golden flowers of melancholy, which is again going to be their savior until fall returns.

There are times when we are surrounded by the season of sadness, misted by the dark clouds of sorrow. In those moments, even our craziest friends fail to make us laugh.

Whenever I feel surrounded by despair, I remember the lines Nikos Kazantzakis wrote to his father while studying in Athens. "There are medicines that anesthetize every pain and days that sweeten entire years."

The good thing about life is that nothing remains the same; even the seasons know when they should change their shirts.

If we ponder a little bit, we will get to know that the reason behind our frustration is that we try to live our lives without giving them

purpose, without any struggle. We don't even try to know who we are.

Jim Harrison once wrote, "Some people hear their own inner voices with great clearness. And they live by what they hear. Such people become crazy ... or they become legend." Kazantzakis lived on the borderline between becoming crazy or legendary.

Kazantzakis spent his life struggling to harmonize different voices that dictated him: ancestors, motherland, god and devil. He believed that his duty to his ancestors and homeland prevented him from living a life he wanted for himself.

"I collect my tools: sight, smell, touch, taste, hearing, intellect. Night has fallen; the day's work is done. I return like a mole to my home, the ground. Not because I am tired and cannot work. I am not tired. But the sun has set."

The Greek writer scribbled these words in his diary just a few days before he died.

According to his wife, Kazantzakis asked his God for ten additional years-ten additional years in which he could complete his autobiography—to say what he had to say and empty himself. She believed that he wanted death to come and only take a sack full of bones.

He knew he had little time, but then who are we to complain of time?

He wrote in his autobiography that whenever he saw people wasting time:

"I feel like doing what Bergson says - going to the street corner and holding out my hand to start begging from the passers-by: 'Alms, brothers! A quarter of an hour from each of you.' Oh, for a little time, just enough to let me finish my work. Afterwards, let Charon (death) come."

We should realize the intense urgency of our lives; a responsibility is laden on our shoulders toward the world where we live, toward its inhabitants.

We carry on with the mundane daily chores of our lives; we forget there is so much which has to be done, and the time is too little, which keeps slipping from our hands to gallop like an Arabic horse in its splendor.

But in the words of Kazantzakis himself, "Youth is a blind incongruous beast. It craves food but does not eat, is too timid to eat; it need simply nod to happiness, which strolls by on the street and would willingly stop, but it does not nod; it turns down the faucet, permitting to drain away uselessly and be lost as though time were water ... A beast that does not know it is a beast-such is youth."

Kazantzakis believes that the fog of carelessness blinds whatever we do in our youth.

"We laughed without cause because we were young; we grieved without cause, again because we were young. We were like fresh unspent bull-calves who sigh because their strength is strangling them."

When we are young we take everything for granted; and when we realize that, it is already too late.

In his autobiography "Report to Greco," Kazantzakis wrote:

"It is our duty to set ourselves an end beyond our individual concerns, beyond our convenient, agreeable habits, higher than our own selves, and disdaining laughter, hunger, even death, to toil night and day to attain that end. No, not to attain it. The self-respecting soul, as soon as he reaches his goal, places it still farther away. Not to attain it, but never to halt in the ascent. Only thus does life acquire nobility and oneness."

We should always keep in mind that the struggle for the goal is more important than the goal itself.

It will not matter whether we won or not; the only thing that will matter is that we fought and fought well. And we should not despair whenever something goes wrong in our ascent.

For Kazantzakis: "When everything goes wrong, what a joy to test your soul and see if it has endurance and courage! An invisible and all-powerful enemy-some call him God, others the Devil, seem to rush upon us to destroy us; but we are not destroyed."

But somewhere in the mundane routines and responsibilities of daily living something has died in us or, at the least, remains dormant like a seed planted in the earth waiting to be watered before bursting into vibrant life and color.

It is very hard for our soul to sever itself from the habitual affairs of our life, we are too much attached with the false identity we give to ourselves, and we have become stuck, trapped in the trap woven half by the society and half by us.

Kazantzakis believes that "a man needs a little madness, or else he never dares cut the rope and be free."

Before he died he self-penned his epitaph with the words, "I hope for nothing, I fear nothing, I

Let us set ourselves the duty; let us bound our beings with the only sacred commandment Kazantzakis believes in. "Reach what you cannot!"

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

During every Spring semester Student government allocates initial funds to organizations throughout campus to use for the upcoming academic year.

The money goes to RSO's who request money, different committees throughout campus, as well as the incoming class cabinet budget.

The issue with this process however is that these budgetary decisions are made by the allocation board, which is made up of individuals who were never elected by the student body.

No school wide or class wide elected official sits on this board while they set next years budget. Instead their final budget is sent to senate for approval, but if one change is made it must goes back to the allocations board, who can decide whether or not to actually make the change.

This process is one of the biggest problems with student government as it takes power out of the student body's hands over how its money will be spent and concentrated into a group that is never up for election, or can be held accountable in any way.

During this process over \$160,000 dollars is budgeted for various activates, with no elected official having almost any say.

What we need is to put the budgetary process strictly in the hands of Senate, allowing those responsible to the student body to make decisions which greatly determine how Student Government will function for the upcoming, by doing this we would go a long way in putting the Student Body back where it should be, in charge.

Kunal Atit, '16

Food for the soul: cut the 'fluff' out of your daily diet



For my elementary school friends and me it was common practice to compare lunches packed by our moms every morning to see who had the best stuff. For many of us, peanut butter sandwiches of some sort were standard fare. There was peanut butter and jelly, peanut butter and banana and, of course, the favorite of many: peanut butter and marshmallow fluff.

I liked peanut butter and jelly. I was OK with peanut butter and banana. But I never got into peanut butter and fluff.

A lot of things have changed since elementary school days, but one thing has stayed the same for me: I don't like fluff.

At the college level, I am not just talking about marshmallow crème on a peanut butter sandwich. The fluff I'm talking about is that superficial, meaningless content that dominates our conversations, our media and our society as a whole.

Whether we talk about the marshmallow crème or the conversational fillers, my reasons for disliking fluff are much the same. Fluff just doesn't fill you up.

The confectionary version is largely sugar, and it is very sweet. It tastes great, and it gives you a big short-term burst of energy.

But anyone who has ever crashed after a sugar binge can tell you that you can't sustain yourself on just sugar. You can't sustain yourself on just fluff.

In my eyes, the interactions we have with each other and the media content we take in are much the same. I believe that our choices in conversations, media, friendships and other interactions are the "soul food" that provides us with a sort of metaphysical nourishment that we all need.

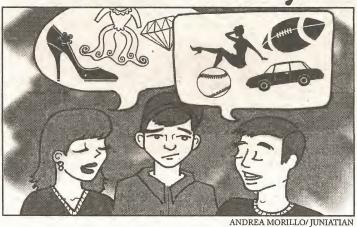
Now when I look at myself and the people around me, I see a frightening reality; we are all seriously malnourished.

We live in a society that has a serious sweet tooth. We love our fluff.

Societal norms for interactions between men are especially sweet and fluffy. Sports, hot babes and fast cars are good examples of the standard conversational topics. These things are appealing on a superficial level, but they lack substance. I know that those kinds of conversations leave me still hungry for meaningful interaction. They don't fill me up.

I can't speak as well to norms for interactions among women, but much of what I see is just as lacking in substance. Hot guys, shoes or how cute that other girl looked in physics lecture today are the stereotypical sort of things woman seem to talk about.

The media plays a huge role in



perpetuating these social norms. So much of the content in movies and TV shows, in songs on the radio, in popular magazines and in the advertisements found in all of them is just about as fluffy as it gets.

Outward physical appearance, which by definition is about as superficial as it gets, is the main focus of the media. Money and material possessions are also emphasized and glamorized in the media, and people often look to these things for the deeper, richer nourishment of the soul that they need.

These shallow pursuits do not satisfy my hunger for meaningful interactions and experiences. And I expect that the same is true for many others.

My theory is that everyone longs for meaning in interactions and relationships on some deeper level. The more people share their interests and passions with one another, the more meaningful their relationships will be.

Good relationships are like healthy food for the soul—they fill you up and keep you going. We all need relationships with others, and deepening those relationships helps us to grow both as individuals and in community with one another.

Good music is another favorite soul food of mine. It has to be something a little deeper than "get drunk and party;" it should be something that strikes an emotional chord or really makes me think. Music has a unique ability to reach many people on a deeply personal and emotional level, and it can help us all to grow in our understanding of ourselves, if we let it.

I think everyone has a deeper interest or passion—even those people who mostly keep to superficial conversations. Often, all it takes to find out about these passions is to ask the right questions.

Sometimes you just need to go back to the basics. Asking people things like, "When you were a kid, what did you want to be when you grew up?" or "Where do you see yourself in ten years?" can get them thinking about the things they are passionate about and help you to connect on a deeper level.

Don't be afraid to ask bigger, deeper questions either. Learn what a person's strongest-held values are, and why they hold them. See if you can find out about that quirky hobby or interest that they don't usually share—everyone has one! And chances are they don't get to talk about it nearly as much as they would like.

All this being said, it's OK to have a little bit of fluff every once in a while. Because, let's face it, fast cars are pretty cool. Some actors on TV and in movies are rather attractive. And sometimes the girl in your physics class wears something so cute you just have to talk about it.

But make sure you diversify your soul food diet. Read a book that makes you think. Listen to music that's about more than booze and sex. Watch movies that are thought provoking.

Have those meaningful conversations where you really get to know someone on a deeper level, because the relationships that develop as a result are what keep you going when things get tough. These relationships will give you the satisfied feeling that you will never get by consuming only fluff.

'80s media loses sight of responsibilities through network polling



This Juniatian Editorial, published March 22, 1984, discusses the media's growing effect on the public.

In recent history there was a shift in the role of the media. Originally, media was there to report news and inform what ever community it was reporting to.

Today, media is so constant and prevalent; one could argue that it actually has a real affect on peoples' actions and opinions.

This article gives modern day Americans a look back at when the media was just beginning to have a daily influence by continually saturating peoples lives more and more. Media Uncovers Too Much... Too Soon

Popular contentions hold that continual improvements in technology can do nothing but benefit society. Unfortunately, recent advances in the speed and accuracy of network polling have had adverse effects on some sectors of the public.

These harmful effects are demonstrated when considering mass media coverage of political elections. Congress is now in-

vestigating whether or not the outcome of an election is in fact altered by the reporting of projected results before the polls close. The argument rests on the belief that voters are discouraged from participating in an election after watching continually updated televised projections on election days.

The congressional investigation was called for after a controversy in last month's Iowa caucus. Apparently, NBC used exit-polling to predict caucus results as early as 8:15 p.m. - before many working class Americans had the opportunity to vote.

Congress also pointed the finger at the networks for prematurely reporting Reagan's landslide victory over Carter in 1980. Networks reported the victory at 8:15 eastern standard time, more than two hours before polls closed on the west coast. Studies of this election indicate that voter turnout was in essence reduced by the televised results.

As a media source, The Juniatian recognizes the importance of informing the public of relevant issues at the proper time. We are therefore inclined to believe that stiff competition between networks has prompted them to lose sight of their media responsibilities.

Americans have long protected what is rightfully theirs - freedom of press. Yet, with this freedom the American public also deserves tasteful reposting at the appropriate time.

Congress indeed has stumbled onto an important issue. Election results are no national emergencies and need not be broadcasted to quickly that they influence the thought processes of the voter.

The role of the media is to report news, to record history - not make it.



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Beauty vs. sex appeal: I'm not here to indulge in the male fantasy



Recently, my news feed on Facebook was bombarded all day with women re-sharing an article titled, "The Actual Difference Between Women Who Are Hot and Who Are Beautiful." At first, I was all for reading this. "Yes! Finally a well-written article that will talk about labels and gender roles and advocate for actually getting to know someone," I thought.

I was wrong.

It started off by saying men are programmed to find certain physical attributes attractive—long hair, big breasts, perky butt, bronze skin. I understand how media plays a role in developing those ideals, but then it asked about the "normal" girls.

"What about the women who don't want to indulge in the male fantasy? What about the women who just want to wear comfortable sweaters and flats? What about the women who don't dress to impress the opposite sex, but instead, to just feel good in their own skin? Isn't there attractiveness in that? Isn't there an appeal to that sense of confidence?"

The article then continued to infuriate me as I kept reading.

"Hot is devious, beauty is innocent; Hot is sultry, beauty is wholesome; Hot is her curves, beauty is her nerves; hot is a façade, beautiful is a woman."

Even writing this, it makes me want to cry because even though I understand the message the article was trying to send, some of the language made me realize that the article mostly focused on appearance, and where the



real problem lies is in twisted perceptions and stereotypes.

I felt chastised at the suggestion that women with curvaceous, male-attention-seeking appearances are less than those with no curves, and intentionally give in to male fantasies, which I, as a curvaceous female, would personally never do.

Naturally, I have a caramelbronze complexion and medium-length hair even without extensions. I am very curvy and love my natural hourglass figure.

What about the women like me that don't deliberately "indulge in the male fantasy," but cannot change their body-type and, therefore, have to be subject to atrocious harassment and worse?

Imagine being nine years old and one of the only girls in a small elementary school to have breasts let alone a solid B-cup. From a young age, I got looks from the boys on the playground and flirty comments that

I couldn't comprehend from the older kids. It sucked because having developed eye-catching curves didn't mean I was "hot."

I was a beautiful young girl only focused on school and getting straight A's. I would cry to my mom about being bullied by classmates almost every day.

At age 12, imagine sitting down to file police reports on the classmates who are constantly harassing you and making jokes that they'll impregnate you because you're "hot." By age 14, your body is so developed and your demeanor so mature that your peers literally get mad because they think you're lying about not being sexually active, despite intercourse being the farthest thing from your mind.

Even at age 21, I can probably count on one hand how many times I have been called "beautiful" instead of "sexy," from men and women outside of my family. The word "sexy" pretty much disgusts me at this point.

Even in flats, jeans, and a tshirt, I have been referred to as sexy or hot just because of my socalled unwholesome curves.

Being labeled "hot" by society got me a whole lot of unwanted attention that I never knew how to process or address growing up. "Hot" gets me discriminated against in the workplace, which has happened in the past, and sometimes makes me have to work ten times harder to be taken seriously.

"Hot" has gotten me dumped because my boyfriend was insecure and didn't like the fact that all his guy friends wanted to have sex with me.

It took me a long time to not wear baggy, unflattering clothing in the hope that I'd then be considered beautiful, but I gave up on that, and I'm proud.

I wear what I want to because that is what I feel good and confident in, whether it be a skintight dress or sweatpants and an oversized tee. I shave because I love feeling silky smooth, get extensions because I like changing my hairstyle, and wear stilettos because they're fierce and it excites me to walk in them. I wear make-up occasionally because hell, I just freaking want to.

And if you can't get past a set of batting eyelashes and abnormally large boobs and see a "beautiful," respectable, hardworking woman, then that's something you need to re-evaluate in your own life. If having curves means that I will forever be considered "sultry" and "devious," then I don't want to be a part of this love game.

So yes, I agree that women should all feel that it is OK not to play into gender roles and this media-induced idea of attractiveness, and to be confident in their own skin. But we cannot shame and judge women who might like to wear heels or get a tan.

In addition, most women can put on a push-up bra and be "sexy" one night and take it off and be "beautiful" the next, but I naturally just don't have that option. Articles like the one that was shared on Facebook innumerable times only reinforce the negative ideas and objectification toward women with curves and other so-called attractive attributes.

Bottom line, what I wish that the article I read had said was that women need to stick together and empower one another. We don't need to change the way we look so others perceive us in a better light, we need to come together collectively and change the reason why people have these perceptions based on something so superficial. And we can start this change by looking at everyone as beautiful, or even better, as a person and not judge individuals based on their appearances.

Navigating religious confrontations requires staying open-minded



"You should give yourself up to the Lord and pray," the words that my relatives spoke as I am on the phone with them waiting to be consoled because my day was horrible. All I could think was that this was not the time to bring religion up, so I ended the conversation quickly.

After that moment I realized there are only certain times that religion should be discussed.

I do believe religion should be discussed, but when is the right time to talk about it? Since this is such a taboo subject in our culture, finding the right time might be impossible. So, allow me to enlighten you on the best ways to bring up religion, as well as the appropriate way to decline discussing such a topic.

My first word of advice is: do

not be afraid to support what you believe whether you are religious or not, but know that at times, people are going to disagree or may not want to hear what you have to say. If you notice a person trying to avoid the subject, stop there. Do not push the topic, because you will become the stereotypical "Bible thumper," or be viewed as someone who is stubborn, and no one will listen.

Also, do not bring religion up when people are in emotional turmoil. Yes, at times people may want to know that some heavenly or other figure is on their side. Though, if you know from experience that the person is either atheist, or just on the fence about what they believe, just simply say, "Hey things will get better, just trust what you believe in." This statement comes off a less like a direct religious statement and more like they have the right to choose what makes them feel better.

However, if you are the receiver of this conversation, be aware that the person you are talking to may not be able to pick up on the signs. Be polite and say, "I appreciate your help, but I feel uncomfortable." Do not go into defensive mode yet. Give them a chance to stop the

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conversation first.

Another time to avoid religion is when you completely disagree with someone's actions. Yes, the Bible, Torah, or other religious literature may tell you how to live, but that does not mean that everyone else has to live that same way. So attempt to avoid judging people who may, as the saying goes, "sin differently than you."

Of course, at times religion is perfect to bring up. If you are firm religious follower or not, think about taking religious classes, but remember to be open-minded. A religion class is a time when different viewpoints can be discussed openly. There is no perfect version of religion and we should respect and accept the differences.

Personally, I know I may come off as that stubborn person with firm beliefs, but this is not true. I simply avoid those who try to shove their ideas down my throat before hearing my side.

I believe that the narrow mindedness some have towards the topic is what causes religion to become a taboo topic. We must begin to break this mold and promote a larger mindset. However, again, I'm still a firm believer in standing up for what you believe is right.

I will admit, there is not a per-

fect way to make religion less controversial. Just remember that, at times, there are ways to approach topics.

When you are talking about religion, remain calm and state what you believe. Do not get defensive if someone challenges you. Talk it out. That is the best way to solve any dispute. And anyway, who doesn't like a little challenge?

Hearing other people's ideas, whether you are a speaker or a receiver, gives you a sense of what else is out there. And isn't enlightenment a part of almost all religions? Therefore, talk to others, but do not shove ideas down their throats in hopes that they will eat them like they eat their ice cream.

Therefore, do not tell anyone that "if they give themselves up to the Lord" all their problems will be gone. It does not end well. Just support them and if they ask, then tell them that following a religion could be the best option. Until that point, remain very open minded.

Years a Slave' and 'Her' both take home Oscars



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Sunday March 2 saw the annual Academy Awards take over four hours of our screens and many of our souls. This year's ceremony was in many ways predictable: "Gravity" won a ton of production-based awards, while the audience was forced to watch DiCaprio smile as he lost yet another Oscar. Well, at least he never let go, unlike his "true love" Kate Winslet from back in the "Titanic" days. What did come as a bit of a surprise was that indie film "Her" snatched the award for best original screenplay.

Reading a synopsis for "Her," I immediately questioned why anyone would even watch it, let alone nominate it for an Academy Award. Set in a technologysavvy future, the film follows the gloriously moustached Theodore as he develops an intimate relationship with his computer. Yep, his computer. Sounds ridiculously strange right? Well I certainly thought so.

The viewing experience was no less strange than the synopsis suggests. At times I was unsure whether I was enjoying the film or whether I just simply hated it. To be honest, that feeling 86TH ACADEMY AWARDS WINNERS **Best Motion Picture Best Leading Actor Best Leading Actress Best Supporting Actor Best Supporting Actress Best Original Screenplay** Best Adapted Screenplay **Best Animation**

12 Years a Slave Mathew McConaughey, Dallas Buyers Club Cate Blanchett, Blue Jasmine Jared Leto, Dallas Buyers Club Lupita Nyong'o, 12 Years a Slave Her 12 Years a Slave Frozen

only really left me in the last 20 minute s of the film. Up to that point, all I could feel was surrealism. The culmination of these scenes however, were so amazingly crafted that I found myself fully in love with both the characters and their crazy, unbelievable relationships.

Nominated for both original screenplay and best motion picture at the Oscars, "Her" may not have deserved the latter, but it was a more than pleasant surprise to hear that it won the first.

It was not even that the relationship seemed unbelievable or ridiculous. In fact, whole dynamic between Theodore, played by Joaquin Phoenix, and his operating system named Samantha, voiced by Scarlett Johansson, is so well written and played out that it made the situation believable.

The actual possibility that this could happen completely creeped me out and left me with a weird feeling the whole way through. Looking back though, this feeling is almost what made the film as good as it was. It was entirely believable, and if it had not had been, I probably would have regarded it as a Disneyfied version of reality.

Aside from the oddness attached to my viewing of the film, the rest was just simply brilliant. Spike Jonze's futuristic Los Angeles was beautifully captured, and Amy Adams played another great character, although a lot less sassy than her other Oscar role for "American Hustle."

The one film that did stick out for me was "12 Years a Slave." I didn't even really need to see it to assume that it would do well at the Oscars, and it is fair to say I was disappointed at its relative lack of success.

That the award for best director was stolen from Steve Mc-Queen was a tragedy. Had he won, he would have been the first black director to win the award, which is reason enough for me to be disappointed, never mind how sublime the film actu-

It is the stereotypical Oscar film: an allstar cast; plenty of long, scenic shots and thoughtful close-ups; a plot revolving around a momentous period of time, tackling difficult subjects and trying above all to paint events in a new light.

"12 Years a Slave" is based upon the real biography of Solomon Northup, a free man from New York who was illegally sold into slavery where he remained for a total of 12 years. The film focuses upon his time in slavery and on the ways in which he dealt with the complete loss of his identity, his freedom and his

The film itself is just spectacular. It is possibly one of the most harrowing experiences of my cinematic life, and it took at least a half hour and a solid block of chocolate--the English variety--for me to fully come to my senses afterward. However, it was just incredibly inspiring to watch -- Ejiofor and Nyong'o capture the raw emotions of the setting perfectly, and without them, this would be a significantly worse film.

Nyong'o more than deserved to win best supporting actress and I only wish that I could say the same for Ejiofor. Although McConaughey, the thief who stole the award, was brilliant in "Dallas Buyers Club," there really was no comparison between the two, and I believe that was the worst choice made in the awards ceremony.

Beyoncé's self-titled visual album defies music industry norms



Beyoncé capped off 2013 with an out-of-no-where, self-titled visual album. She announced on Facebook that the album would be dropping, and following that announcement, it hit iTunes overnight on Dec. 13.

Not only is the album a visual album, which she filmed all over the world, but it was also it was released without any publicity. She told reporters that she did not want to release her music the way she had in the past. She made it was known that she wanted to do something completely different.

They do not call her the queen for no reason. "Beyoncé" is her fifth LP. The album contains fourteen songs and seventeen music videos. The album features Jay-Z, Beyoncé's daughter Blue Ivy, her daughter, Drake, Frank Ocean and Nigerian writer Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie.

"Beyoncé" soon became the fastest selling album on the iTunes store, selling 828,773 copies within the first three days. Also, the album debuted at number one No. 1 on the Billboard 200 chart, selling 618,000 copies in the United States during its first week.

As a Beyoncé fanatic, I am amazed at the album's quality and upheld secrecy. The album's recording took place over a year and a half ago and the sites for filming had no limits. Beyoncé traveled the United States, stopping in California, Florida, New Jersey, New York, and Texas to get footage for "Haunted," "Superpower," "Drunk in Love," "Heaven," "Pretty Hurts," "XO," "Jealous" and "Blow." Internationally, she filmed in Melbourne, Australia; Paris, France; and Trancosco, Brazil.

Beyoncé has never been one to follow in the footsteps of others. She does what she wants and knows exactly how to accomplish her goals.

Beyoncé is the definition of fierce. As such a strong woman, she is able to embody herself in many ways. She is a role model for many reasons. As a curvy woman she lets young females know that it is completely okay to be curvy and embrace what you have been given because she does just that.

Recently, Beyoncé did an ad campaign for H&M and was furious when she discovered that her bikini photos, from the campaign, had been altered to portray a "smaller size" Beyoncé. In my opinion, the fact that she stood up for what she believed in, in my opinion, is empowering. She truly does everything to get her point across.

The new album "Beyoncé" includes a song and video titled "Pretty Hurts," in whichwhere Beyoncé portrays is portraying a beauty queen from her home town of Third Ward, Houston who is addicted to diet pills. She said that she wanted to use her videos as films to give everyone an insight into what she was envisioning for each recording.

Beyoncé claims that she wanted her visual album to give off the same effect as Michael Jackson's "Thriller." I feel like she did just that. Michael Jackson was one of the first artists to make a movie of his music videos and really give his audience an experience, and Beyoncé's visual album follows in his footsteps. She invites her fans into her crazy, beautiful mind.

"Pretty Hurts" shows a pageant queen, played by Beyoncé, going through the process of competing in a beauty contest and all of the hardships that come with the business. It shows her fighting with the other contestants, the "mean girls," and having to be weighed and scrutinized before she can compete. At the end of the video it shows Beyoncé coming in second place and holding her poise as she congratulates the winner. After everything she has gone through, in the video, she expresses that it is okay OK to be runner- up. Not being first does not always mean you are last, as some people often take a second



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place finish. Beyoncé serves as a role model in this video, and I hope that As a role model, young girls can watch it this video and say, "If Beyoncé can do it, so can I." I at least hope they would say

Not only does Beyoncé encourage women to appreciate their bodies in all the shapes and sizes in which they come, but she also she shows women that it is natural and healthy to embrace your sensual side. Some women, I feel, can be afraid of their sexuality, but that does not always have to be the case. You can take on that side of yourself in a respectable way and still feel like a strong, independent woman. Beyoncé shows us that this can be done.

Her songs "Partition" and "Rocket" express her sexual side in a tasteful way. She does that by using Jay-Z, her husband, as the leading man in her videos.

As a whole, "Beyoncé" is fabulous. If you have \$15.99 to spare I would highly recommended buying the visual album on iTunes. I am usually not one to buy albums -I am more of a single-song type of girl-but this one has definitely been my best musical purchase. The album has something for everyone. It empowers the listener's' ultry side, independent side, and "I-do-what-I-want" side."

Unique dishes, inviting atmosphere found at Wildflower Café



A far out but not so far away gem known as The Wildflower Cafe and Gift Shoppe, located at 516 Washington St., offers a charming, lighthearted and uncommonly delectable dining experience.

As we were walking into the Wildflower this past Tuesday morning, we first noted a sign on the door stating an adjustment to the hours due to the cold and lengthy winter's harsh impact on the customer base.

The unaccompanied customer and single employee inside confirmed the sign's accuracy.

The restaurant was not only clean of customers, but also it was remarkably unsullied in terms of hygiene.

According to waitress Tiffany Lutz, one of three family members who operate the business, most of the lesser-known diner's customer base consists of regulars.

"We get some college students in here," said Lutz. "During the summertime we get a lot more college students because we have a patio out back. When we have the umbrellas out, people see it passing by."

The Wildflower's environment features a small dining area and



Strawberry and peach french toast are among the many delectable offerings at the Wildflower Cafe and Gift Shoppe.

a semi-separated kitchen that customers can see into but are encouraged not to enter. While the secret recipes are kept in tact as a result of this design, employees remain within earshot even while in the kitchen.

Decorated with inspirational photographs and artwork produced by family members, the Wildflower's dining area doubles as the gallery portion of the business.

Upon inquiring about the diner's specialties, our waitress recommended the strawberry french toast and the chicken and waffles. "I always recommend it (chicken and waffles)

to people because then I'll 'accidentally' make too much and then I get some to eat too," said Lutz.

Perhaps the only noticeable drawback to our visit to the Wildflower was the wait; however, Lutz was forthcoming in advance about the lengthy process of making chicken and waffles.

"Since I make it from scratch, it takes about 10 minutes," said Lutz. "My mom threw a fit whenever I told her I was putting it (chicken and waffles) on the menu; I said, 'I don't care, everyone loves chicken and waffles!"

While patiently waiting for

our orders from the Wildflower's all-day breakfast menu, we noticed a bookcase labeled "Books to Borrow," with various works from authors such as Stephen King, Beverly Lewis and Bram Stoker made available to literate customers.

"Once people started seeing I had books here, everyone else started dropping them off," said Lutz.

Several hours after our visit, I wished I had also ordered the Mexican Fiesta Soup, one of many delicious soups offered at the Wildflower.

"I'm the soup maker," said Lutz, who is responsible for deciding the recipes for each dish. "We have some really popular ones like the butternut squash. We also have the chicken and lemon dumplings – they're really popular!"

Someone in a hurry should probably refrain from ordering the chicken and waffles; it ultimately took about 20 minutes before our food was served.

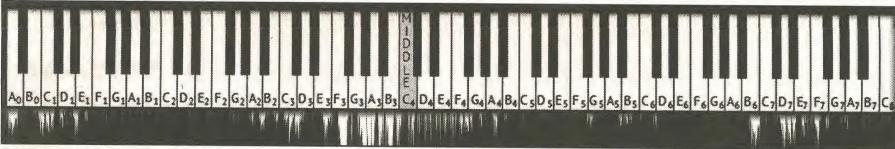
However, when our dishes finally arrived in all of their glory, my partner and I agreed that it was the best meal either of us had eaten since the semester began. In fact, it was the most worthwhile 20-minute wait I can remember in recent history; we inhaled the entirety of our meals moments after they arrived.

"During the summer we buy from the farmer's market as much as possible," said Lutz. "We try to buy anything local that we can get."

Unlike my previous visit to the restaurant, this time around I was regrettably not served the specialty non-menu item of a pickle dipped in a mixture of sour cream and honey.

"A lot of people like it for some reason," said Lutz. "I like it; it makes pickles taste like bread and butter!"

The ideal location for an adorable date, the Wildflower offers delicious dishes at reasonable prices and outwardly friendly service like no other business in Huntingdon.



Musical pitch and air pressure: how unique sounds are created



Mathematician Leon Harkleroad, author of "The Math Behind the Music," defines pitch as "a subjective sensation in response to a note."

The interesting word here is subjective—how can something like pitch, which is measured by a specific number of Hertz, be subjective?

Notes of the same pitch can often produce a completely different sound.

Take middle C, for instance. Middle C, or C4, is classified as having a "medium pitch" of approximately 262 Hz.

The pitch, or numerical value assigned to C4, is largely (but not entirely) determined by the frequency of air pressure variations.

The subjectivity at hand arises from the fact that elements other than frequency can often impact a note's pitch.

For instance, if an electric guitarist increases the volume of his or her amplifier, he may sense a slight change in pitch when playing the same exact notes. In technical terms, a change in volume correlates with a change in magnitude of air pressure, which thereby impacts a given note's pitch.

The air pressure patterns are also heavily impacted by the specific instrument, which explains why an A chord on a guitar sounds slightly different than an A chord on a piano, or any other instrument for that matter.

While all A major chords are composed of the same notes—A, C# and E-regardless of the instrument, each unique instrument produces distinctive patterns in air pressure variations.

These patterns in air pressure ultimately define the tonal character of a given note.

In the previous issue, I briefly touched on pitch classes when discussing the equivalence relationships that exist within octave families. To reiterate, we established that if C4's frequency is 262 Hz, C5, or the C that falls

one octave above middle C, would be double the amount of its preceding octave, or 524 Hz.

Similarly, if we divide our 262 Hz in half, we arrive at the frequency of the note that falls exactly one octave below C4, which we can conveniently refer to as C3.

The lowest C on the keyboard, C1, has a frequency of 32.75 Hz. In short, this number indicates that C1's explicit pattern of air pressure variation repeats 32.75 times each second.

The frequency of C7, the highest C on the standard keyboard, however, can be determined by multiplying 32.75 by 27, yielding 1,048 Hz.

Sixteenth century French mathematician and music theorist Marin Mersenne, often regarded as the "father of acoustics," made several noteworthy discoveries pertaining to pitch. Mersenne was responsible for the determination that the heart of pitch lies in frequency; however, he also made the distinction that a string's vibration frequency depends on its length.

Harkleroad defines pitch class-

es as that which "makes octaves tick." As aforementioned, the octave accounts for the strongest relationship between two notes. Notes that are an octave apart are considered to be in the same family; think about C1–C7 as a family of septuplets.

The second most important set of musically-related notes is generally regarded to be the major fifth, which lies 7 semitones above a given root note. The major fifth can more-or-less be referred to as the root note's destined soul mate.

On principle, any root note's respective major fifth will without question complement it beautifully. The two notes are entered into an arranged marriage from birth and will never be divorced from one another—unless you fall out of tune!

Therefore, it should come as no surprise that we also find a frequency relationship between the root note and its major fifth. If we multiply any note's pitch by the ratio 3/2, we arrive at the frequency of the note's respective major fifth.

In the case of C4, which has a

precise frequency of 261.63 Hz, our multiplier yields 392.445 Hz, or the frequency of G4-the G that lies a perfect fifth above C4 (C, D, E, F, G).

Other note relationships can be calculated using similar arithmetic; for instance, determining a note's respective fourth involves multiplying it by 4/3; the major third by 5/4; the major sixth by 5/3... so on and so forth.

With these multipliers considered, we can visualize the numerical relationships between various musical notes. The notes that sound the most pleasing to the ear when combined have a distinct numerical relationship in terms of their pitch class ratios, which explains why so many songs feature the exact same combination of chords or notes in different arrangements. It's no coincidence!

By analyzing the inherent numerical relationships that exist between music notes, we catch a glimpse of the calculated sciences at work behind the curtains of music theory. In reality, music is just as much a science as it is an art.

Tri-sport biology student lives 'Division III model'

Playing a collegiate sport and keeping up with one's studies is quite the challenge, especially at a rigorous college like Juniata. How, then, does sophomore Sarah Rhodes balance soccer, swimming, and track with a biology POE? "I have everything planned out in a way that I can make sure that I get everything done," said Rhodes.

The Bloomfield, NY native originally did not plan to be a tri-sport athlete. "I knew I wanted to play soccer in college. When I was here, the swim coach expressed interest in me joining the team and track was an added bonus," said Rhodes.

Rhodes has had a successful athletic career thus far. This year, she finished third on the soccer team in goals scored and tallied over 400 minutes played. Above all, Rhodes brings more to the team than what shows up on the

"She brings a lot of intensity when she's on the field, and she makes everybody play to their best potential," said fellow midfielder Michaela Lacek.

In the pool, she recorded personal bests in five events and finished 13th in the 200m fly at this year's Landmark Conference Championship. Women's Swimming Head Coach Nathan Smith believes that Rhodes is more valuable than just how high she places.



Sophomore Sarah Rhodes participates in track and field, swimming and soccer during the academic year.

'Sarah's value is really the way she approaches competition and practice. She will go all out every time until she can't go anymore, and that helps energize those around her. You know you're always getting the best effort form her," said Smith.

Rhodes' teammate in the pool, Chrissy Whiteman, offered a unique perspective on Rhodes' value to the team. "If I was stuck on an island, I would want to have Sarah with me because she's so determined and always makes you laugh. There's nothing that I wouldn't want to go through with Sarah," said Whiteman.

It is easy to get caught up in what Rhodes is doing in uniform, but she is no slouch in the classroom. Rhodes is currently working on a biology POE.

"My strength is time management. I want to do well in everything I do. I work really hard to be the best I can be and do the best that I can," said Rhodes.

"I admire her. I think she does a great job at balancing her time, and it blows my mind. I don't think a lot of people can balance

that. I have a hard enough time balancing my POE with one sport," said Chelsey Beaver, a fellow thrower on the track team.

Her "go get 'em" attitude, as Women's Soccer Head Coach Scott McKenzie calls it, allows her to live the "Division III model."

"She's doing what Division III is meant for. It's an experience geared towards student-athletes being in charge, and Sarah is taking charge," said McKenzie.

Still, Rhodes admits she has a few weaknesses. "Sometimes I want to do too much, and it leads me to not do everything as good as what I could if I had less to do," said Rhodes.

According to Smith, Rhodes also possesses an ironic weakness: her team-first mentality. "She places what the team needs from her first, almost to a fault, to where she cannot decide on what race to swim," said Smith. "She's going to do whatever she needs to do for the team, almost to the point where it's too much."

In addition to taking charge in athletics, Rhodes is stuffing her résumé with extra-curricular activities and study abroad experiences. She has studied abroad twice, and she plans to travel abroad again the next year.

"I went to Santa Cruz de la Sierra, Bolivia through the Rotary Exchange program after I graduated [high school], and I studied abroad in Mexico this

past summer. I also just got accepted to study abroad in Barcelona," said Rhodes.

According to McKenzie, her experiences as an athlete and cultured student set her apart from many other student-athletes. "The more experiences you have, the more you have to create who you're going to be. She has been abroad and will study abroad, competed in a number of different sports, and has achieved a high level of academic success. She has a lot of different pots to pick from when she chooses the ingredients that will make who she becomes," said McKenzie.

Given the plethora of experiences and options, one would expect Rhodes to have started putting the pieces together, but that is not the case. "I have no idea what I want to do. I came in biology, and I'm still biology, but I'm thinking about making my own POE or doing international relations and Spanish," said Rhodes.

Although she may not be the best person from whom to seek POE advice, she does have advice for those who think they do not have time for sports and their studies. "There's plenty of time in the day to do everything you want. You just have to have the right time management to get it all done," said Rhodes.

For anyone else seeking advice on how to tackle their challenges: "Give it all you got," said Rhodes.

Judging gay athletes: America's favorite past-time

EDITORIAL

The media has exhausted the American public in using the phrase "gay professional athlete" over the past several weeks. On Feb. 23, Jason Collins signed a ten-day contract with the New Jersey Nets, making him the first openly gay NBA player. Michael Sam, who is expected to be picked in the upcoming NFL draft, has also tightroped out of the closet and into the limelight.

to exploit individuality, so this increased focus on homosexual athletes is expected. A red carpet has been unraveled outside of the famed "closet," yet the carpet is torn and faded, suggesting that the scrutiny of the media does not foster an atmosphere conducive to coming out.

By questioning the potential success of gay athletes, the media is expressing their doubts surrounding locker-room amicability. Scrutinizing someone for their sexual preference is illogical, as the criticism is essentially infringing on an individual's self-expression.

Let it be unmistakably voiced: gay athletes should be praised. Gay athletes need to be commended for their courage, as their walk from the closet is burdened by a bleating media and a critical country.

Think of it this way, by revealing their sexual preference, gay professional athletes have no choice but to become extreme self-advocates, conquering the media in order to create the necessary standard of openly-gay, professional athletes.

For emphasis, let me stress OPENLY-gay athletes. There are a multitude of gay players across all sports. Jason Collins and Michael Sam just happen to be the The American media loves ones who are brave enough to

Gay professional athletes have hit the hardwood for decades, as supporting sentiments from teammates have never wavered. Charles Barkley, who bullied the NBA with his bruiser style of play and impulsive antics, said, "Everybody played with a gay teammate ... and it's no big deal."

Ultimately, the attitude amongst players has always revolved around winning games, and as Barkley notes, "I'd rather have a gay guy who can play than a straight guy who can't play."

Noting my own experiences, I played three years of highlevel volleyball with a gay teammate. For two of those years, I had no clue he was gay, and I would venture to guess that he had no clue either. As a senior in high school he hesitantly stepped from the closet, afraid that he would be ostracized from the team because of his

When gay athletes have been prevalent in all levels of sports, why does the media decide to make a huge deal about it?

sexual preferences.

He cautiously tested the waters as an openly gay teammate and quickly became astonished to see that our team treated him no differently. Liberated by his declaration of homosexuality, a noticeable transition took place: my teammate's level of play skyrocketed in our last season together. We won the tournament we entered, but for my teammate, the ultimate reward was his undisputed acceptance.

So now, when gay athletes have been prevalent in all levels of sports, why does the media decide to make a huge deal about it? Well, to put it simply, gay athletes are finally demanding equality in professional sports by using the media as a catalyst for social change.

"I wish I wasn't the kid in the classroom raising his hand and saying, 'I'm different.' If I had my way, someone else would have already done this," said Collins in an interview with Sports Illustrated last April. "Nobody has, which is why I'm raising my hand."

The culture of professional sports is inevitably changing, following the suit of our society's acceptance of homosexuality. To witness social change is exciting, yet I cannot sit idly as the media casts doubt upon how gay athletes will be perceived.

As spectators, declarations of acceptance must be preached, but not for the well-being of professional sports and not for the security of gay athletes. Testimonies of tolerance need to be addressed in order to ensure that we do still live in a society marked by the brilliance of individuality.

No Moore

By ERIN GAINES

Juniata College Men's Volleyball Head Coach Kevin Moore has unexpectedly stepped down. Moore is leaving to take a position at Loyola University Chicago, a Division I school.

"Coach Kevin Moore is leaving to pursue an opportunity at Loyola University. We wish him the best of luck in his new endeavor," said Jennifer Jones, director of sports information.

Moore graduated Juniata in 2002 a four-year varsity player in men's volleyball. He was on the team that won the first Molten Division III Invitational title. He completed three seasons as head coach of the Eagles.

The men's volleyball team is in the middle of conference play. The have won all three of their first Continental Volleyball Conference East Division match-ups.

Assistant Coach Patrick Shawaryn has stepped up as the interim head coach for the Eagles. Shawaryn graduated Juniata College in 2004 and was a member of the 2004 National Championship team.

Shawaryn has been an assistant with the men's and women's volleyball programs at Juniata since 2011.

Track and field conquers cold, looks forward to outdoor season

By CALEB KING

With the indoor track season wrapping up at the conference meet on Saturday, March 2, athletes and coaches are hopeful and energetic for the coming outdoor season.

The beginning of the indoor season was rough for the runners. "We didn't get outside because of the snow, so we didn't have track to run on and we couldn't really do reps inside," said sophomore Michael Roth, a year-round track athlete.

Normally, Juniata takes a second or third place finish at conferences. The goal for Assistant Coach Blair Taylor this time around, however, was a title. "Our ultimate goal is the same as it is every year: to win a conference championship," said Taylor.

Courtney Peterson, a junior distance runner, thinks that the team was ready for the stiff competition that the conference meet offered. "We've had a lot of top five finishers this season. A lot of school records have been broken. I think we're definitely ready," said Peterson.

The Eagles have had 23 top five finishers for the indoor season.

One of the top five finish-

ers is senior Paula Pryor. Pryor decided to go out for track this season because she is unable to compete in the women's soccer spring season.

Before the Landmark Conference meet, Pryor was close to breaking some of the school's records. "A lot of the workouts we'll be doing will be time based. But if I can push myself, I can improve," said Pryor.

After the conference meet, Pryor holds the school records in the 200m and 400m dashes.

Likewise, for the team, Pryorsaid that they will do well if they decide to work hard and push themselves. "The workouts are not going to be easy, but we've got to do it. We have to take setbacks in stride and improve from there," said Pryor.

However, the women's team may lack depth of field. The men's team is 36 strong, while the women maintain 23 athletes.

Pryor feels that in order to show improvement at the conference meets, the women's team needs to expand their point base. "The team needs to start scoring more points overall in each event. Getting more depth in our team is a good goal. It will help us improve for Landmark's," said Pryor.



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Junior David Spayde drives out at the 200m dash at the Landmark Conference Championship meet Saturday, March 2.

A win at the Landmark Conference meet requires not only exceptional athletes, but also "the right mental attitude," according to Pryor.

At the conference meet, the men's team finished third with a record-setting, first place performance from the distance medley relay. Later in the meet, the 4x200m relay placed second in the conference.

The women's team finished fourth with top performances from Katrina Woods in the 5000m and 3000m and Katelyn Fisher in high jump. Pryor finished second in the 400m. The women's distance medley relay also placed well, finishing

second overall.

Individually, there is work to, be done as well. "Really, what I need to do is just do what the coaches tell me to," said Peterson. "My form isn't the best, so I guess if I worked on that, it might help."

Pryor and Peterson also agreed that making sure to complete the workouts outside of practice is important. "Getting in the weight-lifting, getting in the miles—the not fun stuff," said Peterson.

On Taylor's short list of top performers amongst the ladies are Paula Pryor and Evelyn Edwards in the sprints, Katrina Woods and Courtney Peterson on the distance crew, Alissa Sellers and Katie Fisher with the field events, and the exceptional throwers Chelsey Beaver, Kylie Berrena and Sarah Rhodes.

Continuing her list, Taylor said, "In the men's track events, pay close attention to Nate Alter, Matt Guetzlaff and Reese Marrero for distance; the quartet of Brett Heber, Tyler Mandley, Michael Roth and Charlton Exley in the Men's 400m hurdles; and in the field events, watch out for Andrew Paterno in the throws and Justin Herr in the jumps."

Baseball last in Landmark poll, seeks to improve after 1-4 start

By SCOTT ANDREWS

With snow still on the ground, the Juniata College baseball team started its season last weekend projected to rank seventh in the Landmark Conference after the preseason poll.

"We are not going to let a preseason poll determine what kind of team we are. When that poll came out, everybody was 0-0 in the conference, a blank page to write your own story. We prepared ourselves well in the fallall the hard work in the offseason with Coach Smith. The preseason went well and we continued to work hard in the morning practices. We, as a team, didn't read into the preseason poll too much because we know what kind of team we have and we will determine what kind of team we will be," said Head Coach Jesse Leonard.

In terms of departed seniors and holes to fill in the team. Leonard has freshman and underclassmen that will be filling those gaps. "The (graduated) seniors were primarily outfielders and pitchers. We have some guys that are true outfielders and some that have learned the position well and have given us the best chance to win the game, so we've filled those roles. The young pitching-freshman and underclassmen—has come through for us even in this first weekend," said Leonard.

The team's first matchup, an away double-header against Eastern Mennonite University on Feb. 22, yielded two losses for the Eagles, who dropped the first game 12-8 and the second 15-1.

The Eagles got their first win of the season the following day, however, after winning the first of two games in another double-header against No. 24 Bridgewater College (Va.).

In a dramatic top-of-theninth, come-from-behind performance, the Eagles were able to take game one 8-7. "We rebounded for Sunday and played the best game of the year. One of our better games that I can remember in my short tenure here, beating a nationally ranked team," Leonard said.

Sophomore pitcher and infielder Chris Sinsi kicked off the top of the ninth with a walk, before stealing second base. Fellow sophomore and infielder Sheridan Doan followed up the walk with a single, advancing Sinsi

to third. Doan was able to steal second before senior infielder and pitcher Brad Medellin singled to centerfield, driving in two runs.

Next at bat was senior catcher Dan Gray, who was thrown out at first after a fielder's choice. Medellin was able to advance to second base and later third after a wild pitch to senior pitcher and infielder Joe Sforza. Sforza hit a single and drove in Medellin, tying the game at 7-7.

Junior outfielder Cody Krepps was up next and ripped a single through the left side of the infield, advancing Sforza to second base. Senior pitcher David Smyers entered the game as a pinch runner for Sforza before a walk sent sophomore catcher and outfielder Anthony Lombardo to

first base. Freshman pitcher and first baseman Eric Grace singled to the right, driving in the winning run.

"The win this weekend was definitely a team effort," said Leonard. "Everything going forward is going to take the effort of the entire team. It's nice to see everybody step up and have their role and do their thing, even if someone just comes in for one batter—a pitcher comes in for one batter or someone plays two innings of defensive substitution at the end of the game. It is going to take everybody."

On Sunday, March 2, the Eagles traveled to Va. for a neutral site battle against the University of Pittsburgh at Bradford. The teams were supposed to play a doubleheader, but after dropping

game one 2-7, rain started to fall and game two was canceled. There is no word yet on whether the game will be rescheduled.

Juniata's next set of games will be in Florida over spring break at the RussMatt Central Florida Invitational. They will play six games in the invitational, with their first matchup against New Jersey City. The Eagles then have back-to-back doubleheaders against Franklin & Marshall and Waynesburg before a final game vs. Dickinson. Juniata returns home Saturday, March 15, to open their Landmark Conference season against Susquehanna University. The three game series begins with a doubleheader starting at 1 p.m. Saturday, followed by a final game at noon on Sunday.

Top Landmark Performances Team Statistics Women's Track & Field Conference All Games Event Athlete Time Rank Team (height) Baseball 0 0.000 1 0.200 5000m Katrina Woods 18:26.37 M. Volleyball 0 1.000 16 3 0.842 3000m Katrina Woods 10:52.43 M. Basketball* 6 8 0.000 15 10 0.600 1600m Katrina Woods 5:22.66 W. Basketball 0.500 14 12 0.538 400m Paula Pryor 1:00.28 DMR. Wolf, Gaines, 13:46.96 Duran, Cousins *ECAC tournament semifinalists Katelyn Fisher HJ (1.47m)**Upcoming Home Events** Men's Track & Field Event Athlete Time Rank March 15 Baseball vs Susquehanna DMR Guetzlaff, Robinson, 10:54.39 March 18 Softball vs. Elizabethtown Bogdan, Sokirniy March 19 Baseball vs. Gettysburg 4x200m Mandley, Barnes 1:37.87 March 22 Juniata Invite (Track & Field) relay Exley, Jackson

A letter from a concerned taxpayer



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~ Cynthia Bookhardy - Taxpayer.

Thumbs



Thumbs up to Leo's spirit after the Oscars. The only thing more desperate for young adult approval is Troha's Twitter Feed.



Thumbs down to to the new housing lottery. Drawing a desired room is about as likely to happen as Snooki's children remaining celibate until marriage.

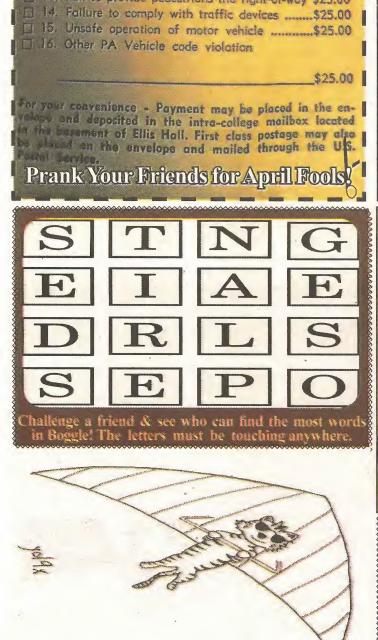


Thumbs down to the lack of Mardi Gras spirit on campus. Cleavage exposure on Fat Tuesday reached its peak when a facilities man bent over to fix the plumbing in the Lesher laundry room.



Thumbs up to Juniata's "collective sense of safety, support and good will." You all deserve a drink.

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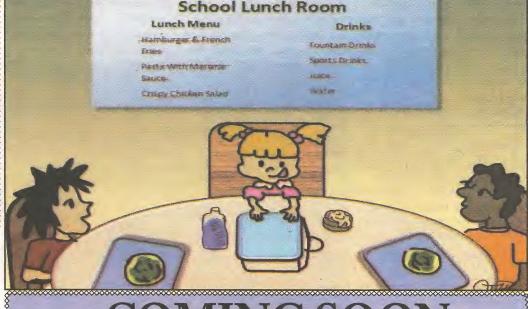
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DataTel tells of student secrets



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By Tyler Ayres

The Dean of Students Office keeps a file on every student and collects information spanning from a student's first visit during summer orientation through his or her graduation. These files contain confidential information and are handled routinely by student employees.

Student assistants in other administrative departments such as the Office of Enrollment can access DataTel, a program that catalogs student biographical, academic and disciplinary information.

While student employees and administrators are expected to maintain professionalism and confidentiality, a formal nondisclosure agreement for students employed in these offices does not exist.

"Anyone who has a proclivity to that kind of violation is not going to be stopped because they signed a paper," said Assistant

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Room draw: role of GPA reduced

By KATIE JEFFRESS

The new priority number policy that debuted in this year's room draw has sparked campuswide debate.

"This is the first time in 15 years that we will be using four GPA groups instead of seven and pure lottery for rising sophomores," said Dean of Students Kris Clarkson.

This year, with the addition of the new dorm and a change in presidency, the policy was tweaked. "I asked the Res Life staff to look into room draw policies," said Clarkson. "I think that with the new building and the new number of singles plus some other things that we're doing ... it seems like this is a good time to give it a try."

According to Clarkson, Juniata College has been incorporating GPA into room draw priority for roughly 15 years. "It used to be a straight senioritybased lottery," said Clarkson. "When Dr. Kepple became president, he was coming from Sewanee: The University of the South, where they were trying to reward and recognize academic

achievement by using GPA in room draw."

Juniata's room draw committee, which is comprised solely of resident directors, made the policy change that diminished the factor of GPA, which was ultimately approved by the Dean of Students Office.

The new policy varies in popularity among students. Senior Clarissa Diniz, a resident assistant in Terrace Hall, opposes the change.

"I think it's completely unfair," said Diniz. "The excuse they gave about going away from GPA was that apparently a lot of the students were being 'unfair' and taking easier courses in order to make their GPA higher for room draw. But really, I don't think that's the reality."

As an RA, Diniz has received student response to the new policy firsthand. "I've been working with a lot of residents over the past three years, and many of them this year came to me and were like, 'What is going on?" said Diniz. "I have a resident who is a rising senior and in the top 10 in his class, and he got a

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Amish community integrates unique culture in Huntingdon area

By CODY GREENWALD

The Peachey Family Greenhouse blends in with most businesses of Belleville, Pa., offering no fluorescent sign or quick-hit radio advertisement. Inside, the white and wiry beard of an old man meets the occasional splash of water from a gardening hose.

"Well, what do you want to know?" The old man asked as he continued to water a row of blooming roses and then a bush of budding greens labeled "Baby's Tears."

"I've been Amish all my life. We believe that good works will get us to Heaven," he said. "We don't believe in flaunting our work. We live simply."

Districts of Amish live along the hills of the Kishacoquillas Valley, better known as Big Valley, and other areas that surround Juniata College.

They work the ground beneath them to provide just the basic necessities.

Old-World Music

Hedda Durnbaugh of the Li-

brary Special Collections Department said that of the many varieties of Amish, there are two distinct orders: the Old and the New.

"The Old Order Amish want to follow the old, original order. They are the ones who refuse to drive cars. They refuse to use electricity," said Durnbaugh.

"House Amish," as they hold all religious gatherings in houses rather than designated churches. "They have to limit the number of people in church. They have to be able to come together easily," said Durnbaugh. These church districts average at around 30 families, and they live in close proximity.

The Old Order Amish also hold onto the German language dialect. "They will tell you that all their preaching is done in High German," said Durnbaugh. "German is very important to them, and it's very much tied up with their identity. And in their meetings for worship, they sing."

"They sing from a hymn collection, which is called the Ausbund," said Durnbaugh, "The first edition was in 1564." The German word "Ausbund" means a selection and collection of the best. This hymnal is unique in that it has been in continuous use since the late sixteenth century.

"The singing for worship This order is also called the is an extremely slow singing," said Durnbaugh. Neither an instrument nor a song leader accompanies the singing within the church meetings. "It's really a culture of its own."

Communitarians

Retired pastor and Juniata Friendship Family Provider David Bowen said the book "Rosanna of the Amish," by Joseph W. Yoder, gives excellent insight to the many connections the community and the College has made with the Amish.

The story is about a woman, born of an Irish-Catholic

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The Amish reject modern technologies, as epitomized by their use of the horse and buggy. Huntingdon County is home to a significant Amish population.

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Campus Network and Security department resolves Wi-Fi discrepencies

By CAL KING

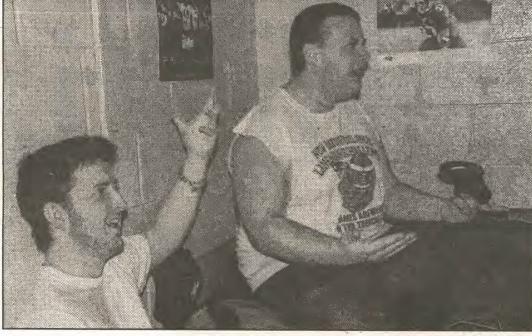
Gamers returning from winter break ran into severe issues with Juniata's network. Latency and ping spikes rendered competitive online gaming nearly impossible.

Strategy games such as "League of Legends" and "Starcraft 2" are particularly sensitive to latency as they require fine manipulation and calculated actions with margins for error in the range of milliseconds. However, open communication between affected students and the Department of Campus Network and Security quickly solved most of the issues.

Mario Cintron, a senior and "League of Legends" player, was among the first to report issues to Anne Wood, director of Campus Network and Security. "Prior to break, the lag I experienced was moderate at worst, but understandable, peaking during the early evening hours when most students were probably online working on homework or socializing," said Cintron. "But after break, this new lag was present even during off-peak hours."

"At first I thought the lag was caused by new devices registering to the network---cellphones, laptops or tablets-- which were given as gifts," said Cintron.

But it turns out that was not the case. According to Wood, "even before students came back, we were having a network issue that we had trouble identifying. What our tests were showing was that there was a good bit



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Campus video gamers suffered through slow connections and lag time before the network issues could be resolved.

of packet loss. With our kind of base-line testing, where we would normally get no packet loss, we were experiencing significant packet loss across the network."

For those of you who may not be as tech savvy, a packet is a digital parcel of information that is shipped over the Internet. A network breaks down information such as emails into multiple packets. Each packet contains important information such as the sender's IP address, the intended viewer's IP address and another note that tells the network how many packets the email was divided into. The packets are then reassembled on the recipient's end and parsed

into viewable information.

The exact cause of the packet loss remains undisclosed by Wood. "There was an anomaly in the network. It was something that had accidentally been done by a user on the network, but I can't reveal what it was because it would then open up that particular vulnerability," said Wood.

"As soon as we found the location of the packet loss, it was completely gone," said Wood. "It was definitely something that we felt was contributing to the lag that we knew students were experiencing with some applications."

Resolving that particular issue was not good enough for Wood and her team, however. "We were still getting some feedback from students, 'League of Legends' players in particular," said Wood.

The team of techies employs a filter called a packet shaping appliance, which examines the type of traffic going through the network and determines whether it is for Netflix, YouTube, Facebook or just web-browsing.

This filter can prioritize bandwidth allocation for different types of traffic. According to Wood, "League of Legends" was recently given priority access to bandwidth.

After noticing that the majority of the school's bandwidth was being consumed by web-browsing, Campus Network and Security imposed a 3 megabit-per-second cap on every user's traffic. "We felt that it would be good to maybe lower the cap on HTTP traffic, but instead of limiting HTTP traffic as a whole, we put a cap on each individual

The remaining bandwidth was then allocated for use by other applications, "League of Legends" among them.

"It was interesting to hear that change, in particular, caused some people to say, 'Yay, it's getting a little bit better!" said Wood.

And indeed, many of the issues were resolved because of the steps taken by Wood's office. After the bandwidth cap was changed on Feb. 20, the usage of "League of Legends" rose moderately. "League of Legends," in fact, has yet to max out at its 2 megabit-per-second limit.

Cintron commented on the actions of Wood's office: "I was impressed by the amount of dedication she displayed in trying to resolve it. She asked several gamers about the nature of the lag they were experiencing in their games, and even monitored a few students' connections as they were playing to see where the connection could be optimized."

"At this point, most of those issues have thankfully been resolved to previous levels, with lag being most noticeable again only during peak evening hours," said Cintron. "The changes to the school's network are helping all the gamers on campus be able to enjoy our games."

Students debate new lottery room draw method that devalues GPA

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priority number around 250. He wanted a single, and now, most likely, he won't get one."

Freshman Aaron Kulig also disagrees with the new policy. "It's frustrating to find out that Juniata no longer rewards highachieving freshmen when it comes to room draw," said Kulig, who is currently working toward a Biology POE. "I worked hard to make it onto the Dean's List, so I was disappointed when I discovered that my room draw number was well into the thousands."

However, not all students are opposed to the policy. Freshman Jillian Loomis said, "I think it makes sense to use the lottery system for rising sophomores. The priority numbers would only be gauged by a single semester, which is not likely to be an accurate representation of a student's abilities."

Clarkson also feels that GPA should be deemphasized in the room draw process. "I understand rewarding academic achievement, but I also understand why some people struggle. It isn't always about lack of effort or laziness," said Clarkson. "They could have had difficulties. for a variety of reasons. It's not uncommon for first-year students to come in and have a really bad

semester. Maybe it's transitional issues or maybe they're in the wrong POE, but if you have one really bad semester, that hangs with you."

Additionally, the timeworn argument over POE difficulty comes into play when analyzing room draw priority numbers. There are some people who feel like their POEs are more rigorous and demanding than other POEs," said Clarkson. They ask, "Why should I be penalized because I'm pursuing this demanding course load? You're in something that isn't as demanding, and you end up benefitting from that in room draw.' That's the kind of stuff the committee was hearing."

"After being here for four years and having friends from a wide variety of POEs, I don't really think there is a harder POE. It's what your POE is, you can't just get a 4.0 by just joking around."

Clarkson agrees that POE difficulty depends on the person. "I know from personal experience that, as much as I'd want to be a physicist or a chemist, it isn't going to work for me very well because I just don't have the interest, the enthusiasm or the pas-

science kids who just cringe at the thought of having to write or speak in front of people. So it's all relative, isn't it really?"

The new policy is not necessarily permanent. "If we get some overwhelming response of 'this is terribly unfair,' then we'll reconsider. It's kind of push and pull," said Clarkson.

"Basically I just said, 'Let's give it a try.' I'm up for trying something, and if it's a problem, we can always change it back."



Early Childhood Education Center takes action to fight illness

By ABIGAIL ROSENBERGER

There have recently been cases reported of lice and mono among children attending the Early Childhood Education Center. In at least one incident, a student worker at the center was diagnosed with mono.

Freshman Katie Fisher, who has been working at the ECEC for the lab portion of her child development class, claims she was told there had been a case of lice in the center.

"I definitely have been wearing my hair up. It's hard because you want to interact, and when the kids want to hug you, you want to be able to hug them back," said Fisher. "They touch your hair. They play with you. They're all over you."

Christine Breen, director of the ECEC, is not able to confirm any reports of lice or illness due to issues of confidentiality. Though she cannot confirm that there have been cases of lice this year, Breen said children at the center have had lice in the past. When dealing with a case of lice, the center follows the guidelines in the book "Managing Disease in Early Childhood."

"It tells us what to do. It says the child doesn't need to be sent home immediately; they can be sent home at the end of the day," said Breene. "We would notify staff (and) we would notify families that there had been a case of lice and to check their children for lice or nits, and if they discover them they should treat their children and not send them back until they've been treated."

Illnesses are treated somewhat differently than lice. Children are allowed to stay at the center if they do not have a fever of 101 degrees or higher and feel comfortable.

"If they have something that can be spread easily they probably should stay at home under most circumstances, but not all," said Breene.

Even though the center allows some sick children to stay at the center, workers do not feel that parents take advantage of the policy.

"If the kids are sick, I don't think they come in because the parents know that they are all on top of each other all the time, and it's really easy to spread things--unless they don't know they're sick," said Suzanne Jlelaty, a sophomore who volunteers at the center.

Sophomore Alissa Sellers, a worker at the ECEC, found out she had mono on Feb. 24. Prior to her diagnosis, Sellers was unaware she had been exposed.

"I didn't know three kids had it (mono) until after the fact," said Sellers. "They didn't tell me who had mono, just (that) three people had mono."



Facilities Services uses a routine sanitizing process in the Early Childhood Education Center to keep tables and toys clean.

Some workers believe preventing the staff from knowing about certain illnesses may have a negative impact on the health of the staff and their ability to effectively interact with the children.

"I think we have the right to know. If I'm working with them they could make me sick and then I could get other people sick by not knowing," said Fisher. "You just have to stay away from all of them, which takes away from your experience because then you can't interact the way you want to with the kids."

Breene, however, has not noticed a difference in the way workers treat children when they know they may be sick. "The staff seems to still care for the children in the same way," said Breene.

In addition to frequent hand washing, the ECEC follows a standard procedure of sanitizing and disinfecting to prevent the spread of germs.

"We have a routine of cleaning, sanitizing and disinfecting so surfaces are sanitized after use and some are disinfected. We follow that routine every day," said Breene. "After the children have used the Play-Doh table and they've gone away, then we spray the table, and we use disinfecting (solution) in the bath-

room and sanitizing (solution) in the kitchen. Facilities sanitizes and disinfects and they do all the surfaces in the morning when the children aren't here."

The ECEC is also evaluated for health and safety by the Keystone STARS program that certifies the center and provides their ranking.

"We had a health consultant from the STARS program come. She spent the whole day with us and made sure we were making our solution right, watched our diapering procedure ... and wrote us a report with recommendations," said Breene. "We take it pretty seriously."

Student workers exercise caution with confidential peer information

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Dean of Students Dan Cook-Huffman.

"The Juniata community thinks of (student employment) as professional development opportunities for students," said Cook-Huffman.

Some student employees may not understand or exhibit the professional responsibility required. "There was one incident over at enrollment that I can account where people were looking up files in DataTel. They could tell that someone was doing that," said senior Amanda Waller, a student assistant in both the Dean's office and the enrollment office.

"Everyone has their own DataTel ID," said Waller, "and they can go back and track what you look at or what you do in DataTel." She said, "they would know, whichever Big Brother was watching."

Due to the sensitive nature of information handled by student employees at the Dean's office, these employees could sometimes find themselves in uncomfortable social situations due to their inside knowledge.

"For the first week or so it was weird. For the most part I've learned to compartmentalize it," said Waller. "There are 1,600 files of business in (the Dean's office) and my job isn't to read them, it's to manage them.

Despite the student code of conduct, privacy meetings

and implicit expectations, confidential information has reportedly been accessed for unprofessional reasons and subsequently leaked.

Waller said, "In the Dean's office I don't have access to any current student's DataTel files. I actually have an account on DataTel to work on student files at the enrollment office." Her position at the enrollment office deals exclusively with prospective students' files.

DataTel is intended to bolster privacy in the Dean's office. "If you open up a student's file, there's a 'comments and notes' section," said Waller. "Dan and Kris will often write 'details in DataTel." This removes potentially sensitive information from the scope of student employees' duties.

Waller, a former head summer orientation leader, worked closely with incoming freshmen. She explained a system by which incoming freshmen are measured before they step foot in a college classroom.

"If you go to orientation and you're an awesome student, your orientation leader will give you a green flag," said Waller.

"We also have things called red flags," said Waller. Red flags are issued if a student exhibits anti-social behavior; they could signify things like introversion, unwillingness to participate, aggression or lewd conduct.

These red or green flags are often among the first things

that appear in student files. "Everything goes in chronological order. It's your contact sheet, your red or green flags, and your orientation questionnaire," said Waller. "I don't like the idea that they kind of label students from then on."

Peer orientation leaders, who are neither psychological nor behavioral specialists, evaluate incoming freshmen based upon their own judgments.

These flags do not fade away after orientation. They, along with the rest of a students' files, last until graduation. "Once you graduate from Juniata, your file is expunged and shredded," said Waller.

L.J. Thorson '13, former Juniata associate at the Dean's Office, described the typical contents of student files.

Following the orientation questionnaire, contact sheet and any red or green flags, Thorson said, "There is a sheet that details every meeting that any student has with either of the deans. It could be for anything."

Any disciplinary pull-in can be found in student files, along with incident reports. "If you're caught drunk and disorderly, or vandalizing or stealing, copies of those incident reports will be in the file," said Thorson.

Reports from the Huntingdon Police Department are also included, along with notices of concern and periods of academic or social probation.

Extensive email records are

also included in student files. Freshman Taylor Clark, student assistant at the Dean's office, said, "Every email, every correspondence about a student that goes through the Dean's office gets filed."

Thorson added, "You (student assistants) can actually read what the person's professor has written about them."

"We keep track of dean-onduty calls, which is if anyone is ever hospitalized or any contact really with JC security," said Waller.

In her time working at the Dean's office, Thorson said, "(Student employees) catalog dean-on-duty records for our liquor control board grant every year. We go through those records to see how many of them were alcohol-related."

Sophomore Khadejia Norman, another student employed at the Dean's office, said, "We had a huge meeting talking about confidentiality. They told us, 'what happens in the room stays in the room."

Waller said, "It's kind of assumed whatever you handle in the office, and if it's a name you see and recognize when you're filing, you don't let it leave the office."

Cook-Huffman said that student assistant discretion falls under student code of conduct. "If they were to violate that, there would definitely be disciplinary action," he said.

A former student assistant that defeats the purpose."

who chose to remain anonymous admitted to snooping through his or her significant other's file because of suspected psychological issues.

Another unnamed student said they avoid Founder's Hall entirely, citing a leak of sensitive personal information by an administrator as the cause of their aversion.

"I think my position there, how I was treated and how I acted, was not as a student employee, but as if I were an actual staff member," said Thorson. "I was very close to Cook-Huffman. Whenever I needed inside details about things that have gone on, he was always willing to share those types of things with me."

Employing an objective, full-time administrative assistant to handle student files could eliminate privacy issues and possible information leaks. If this is unreasonable, other formal safeguards might be necessary prior to student employment: formal non-disclosure agreements, extensive pre-employment counseling and a clear explanation of the repercussions that would follow a breach of privacy.

Students and faculty maintained that student confidentiality is a crucial component to a small academic community such as Juniata.

"The Dean's Office is supposed to be a safe haven," said Clark. "The fact that I hear things are leaving, that is upsetting, because that defeats the purpose."

E-cigarette policy requires smokers to keep 20 ft. distance from buildings

By JM DUBENSKY

Juniata College Public Safety has updated the campus policy on electronic cigarettes to prohibit their use within 20 feet of any building.

This policy change is consistent with the established restrictions regarding smoking on campus. Cigarettes and other smoking devices cannot be used within 20 feet of campus build-

"The electronic cigarettes are included in our tobacco-free campus," said Jesse Leonard, director of Public Safety. "The best way to think of it is to pretend it's a real cigarette. If you think of your electronic cigarette as a real one, you're going to be within the guidelines."

Electronic cigarettes or "ecigarettes" are battery-powered devices that simulate tobacco smoking using technology that vaporizes a liquid. These liquids release a flavored vapor, which may contain nicotine depending on the brand.

"They are becoming more popular," said Leonard. "Health risks aside - and I'm sure there's



research being done - we've had an incident or two where they've set off the fire alarm. Our fire detectors are particle sensors, so the steam and vapors will trip them, just like steam from a shower or hairspray or anything else. That's part of the reason--and a driving force behind--adding to the policy."

For some people on campus, the new policy may detract from the appeal of electronic cigarettes. Seniors Casey Katzenstein and Colin Brislawn have both smoked electronic cigarettes in the past.

"E-cigarettes aren't the same

as a real cigarette," said Katzenstein. "I think some people like e-cigs because they look cool and they can do it inside, so I feel like in a way they think they're breaking rules."

"They're fun," said Brislawn. "I never would smoke actual cigarettes because there's a huge carcinogenic risk associated with that. But if you go to a smoking bar or something, with e-cigs you can have something that isn't as bad as the actual thing."

According to Leonard, electronic cigarettes can be modified to work with other substances, which also contributed to the decision to prohibit their use in and around buildings.

"They have the means to be loaded with stuff other than what's intended," said Leonard. "We're aware of how that works and what that looks like. There's a process where you can pull the THC out of marijuana and then evaporate the chemical and it gives you a wax, and there's certain vaporizers in electronic cigarettes that can process that wax. You can do that with tobacco too."

Leonard also noted that the changes to the policy were not a result of people complaining about the use of electronic cigarettes on campus.

"I think anything can bother somebody," said Katzenstein. "The look of smoke coming out of someone's mouth can bother someone, whether it's through a real cigarette, which can be harmful, or through something that isn't harmful. If you allow fake cigarettes to be smoked inside, you're going to upset the actual cigarette smokers, and they might think they can get away with it as well."

"They're clearly not the same

as cigarettes," said Brislawn. "To say we're banning them because they're a health hazard is false. Now if we're banning them because it's rude or because we don't want cigarette smokers to feel singled out or because we're worried about people smoking illegal substances in them, then I think those are all very valid reasons to ban them."

"If you can't smoke real cigarettes inside, you shouldn't be able to smoke electronic cigarettes inside," said Katzenstein. "In college your main focus should be education, and if there's a distraction like electronic cigarettes, you're hindering yours and possibly other people's education."

For those who smoke electronic cigarettes, Leonard suggests using the campus smoker towers as a frame of reference.

"We and the maintenance crew and the ground crew try to keep the smoker towers at 20 feet," said Leonard. "So if you're in and around the smoker's tower then more than likely you're fine. Stick to the smoker towers as a reference."

Hess to be repurposed for break housing

By Louie Nigh

Starting next year, Juniata will open off-campus properties to students during breaks as needed, providing students who travel long distances with a place

In particular, Hess apartments will be usable for temporary housing according to Dean of Students Kris Clarkson.

"This next year, Hess apartments would be closed. There are 30 beds down there, which we aren't planning on using. If we're in a squeeze, we would use them for students who would be here during the fall. Students who can't go home or who are student athletes could stay at Hess," said Clarkson.

Other smaller housing areas, such as the Spanish house and the Chinese global village, would also be available for students in need of shelter during breaks. These changes were spurred by the College's recent developments, such as the new dormitory to be opened next semester.

"We have a new residence hall opening, and we're shutting down Hess. Those apartments have more security, kitchens and other accommodations for students. We have also purchased a few extra houses," said Clarkson. "These acquisitions have allowed us a little more flexibility."

In the interest of safety, the College cannot currently allow students to stay over breaks.

"There's no residential staff, so there's safety, security concerns with letting students stay in random places," said Clarkson. "There's all sorts of related fire safety, health code issues."

The Hess option aims to remedy that situation, and will be available for a fee.

Students with distant relatives,

especially international students, find it costly and time-consuming to visit their families during short breaks.

"As international students, we already don't have a lot of options to choose from. We're not independent in terms of transportation and a place to stay," said sophomore Chau Tran, a student from Vietnam. "The main problem is that I'm not familiar with here. I don't know where to stay. I don't know where good hotels are. That caused a lot of problems

Students from the West Coast also find it impractical to return to their homes.

"Most kids from the West Coast have a lot of trouble finding places to stay over short breaks. It's not really worth your money to go home; it's a lot of money and a lot of time. If you're on a tight budget, it's really inconvenient to go anywhere," said Audrey Zehren, a senior from Seattle. "And so, if you don't have relatives or family in the area, you're forced to find ways to get to your nearest relatives. Mine happen to be in Cincinnati, a seven-hour drive both ways."

Even domestic travel can take an unreasonably long time.

"I fly to California, and the flight itself is six hours," said sophomore Catilin Emslie. "But layovers add a lot of time, and with shuttles three hours before the flight, I'm spending anywhere between 10 and 24 hours traveling."

The option to stay in Huntingdon could give these students more flexibility with planning.

"That at least would give me another option. Everybody is leaving on the same day, so tickets run out very fast," said Tran. "It would be very nice if they

give us the option."

Clarkson emphasized that the College has always done its best to make accommodations for students when necessary.

"Contrary to what most people think, we've always tried to help people," said Clarkson. "We typically help them find other arrangements. We let them stay in common areas of small houses, or we could try to do arrangements in the guest house, find multiple hosts for them and so

The problem, however, comes from a lack of awareness regarding break-time accommodations.

"I think, frankly, that there just hasn't been a clear understanding about what our policy is on that," said President James Troha. "When I raised the issue with the Dean's Office ... I was told, 'Well, of course we allow that.' But if you talk to students, they don't know we allow that."

While acknowledging that the College is doing its best, Tran believes that the issue lies in a lack of publicity about the accommodations offered.

"If they are accommodating needs, they aren't making that public to students," said Tran. "When I first came here, they were very clear that you cannot stay during the break."

While some students may be discontented by the accommodations offered to them by the administration, the new options for students with distant homes are well-received.

"I'm really grateful that they're actually addressing it in a more open and easier way," said Zehren. "I think it's more about ease and less about stress. You're already displaced so much that you can't go home over the weekend. It's really hard. Any extra trouble quickly turns into a nightmare."

CO gas leaks in Sunderland



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By Kelsey Molseed

On Monday, March 17, residents of Sunderland Hall evacuated the building when a carbon monoxide leak triggered the fire alarm system. The leak was caused by a problem with a backup generator and was resolved within a few hours.

"We had an exhaust line failure on our backup emergency generator," said Architectural Trades Supervisor David Coder. "Instead of the exhaust being piped to the outside, it was dumping to the inside of the building, which caused the fire alarm to go on.

The alarms went off just before 10 a.m. and students were kept out of the building until about 12:30

Public Safety was notified of the alarm and quickly discovered the gas leak. "The panel had indicated a carbon monoxide detector had been activated, and that's what set the building off," said Jesse Leonard, director of Public Safety. "Officer Hughes went up and responded. He went to the suspected location of the detector activation and then that's when he discovered kind of an exhaust smell."

"I responded to the fire alarm and found the CO detector going off down by the mechanical room," said Public Safety Patrol Supervisor Tim Hughes. "I went

back up and the alarm stopped going off, so I pulled the alarm again."

Hughes then checked every room in the building to make sure all students had evacuated. "There weren't a lot of students in the building at the time of the activation just because it was prime class time," said Leonard.

The Huntingdon Fire Department arrived soon after the building was evacuated. "The fire department was there basically as a precaution to ventilate the building out, to make sure we had fresh air everywhere," said Coder, who said that students were evacuated before there was any danger. "It (the alarm system) goes off at a very low setting before it's harmful to anybody."

Once the students were evacuated and the building aerated, Facilities Services was able to inspect the generator, finding that an exhaust pipe had failed. "We replaced a small section of pipe on the exhaust system that had failed. It was back in service within a matter of an hour after the fire department had left," said Coder.

Residential Life then notified residents that Sunder was safe to reenter, assuring students that the building had been cleared and the issue resolved.

"A good thing is that it worked and the system did what it was supposed to do," said Leonard.

Currently-unmarked Public Safety vehicle patrols on and off campus

By JM DUBENSKY

The Juniata College Public Safety Office has obtained a new safety vehicle to replace the current vehicle, which will soon be retired.

The new vehicle, a Ford police interceptor utility model, includes bigger brakes, all-wheel drive, a stronger alternator, and a more spacious interior. According to Jesse Leonard, director of Public Safety, the new vehicle is a huge improvement over the

"The old vehicle is on its way out," said Leonard. "Imagine ten different officers driving one vehicle with ten different driving styles, with 50 or however many miles a day at 25 miles an hour first gear, brake, first gear, brake. The transmission, brakes, engine and seats all take a beating, and the car gets a good bit of wear and tear."

Although the vehicle will eventually be marked with a Juniata College logo, some students were under the impression that the new vehicle would remain unmarked.

"It should definitely be marked," said junior Rounida Shwaish. "When I first heard about the new vehicle I talked to a lot of students about it. It seemed like half the students support having an undercover cop car because it makes them feel safer, but I've also talked to students who feel like it would go against what Juniata is about."

"Personally, I'd try to be on better behavior if the car stayed unmarked," said senior Kevin Stapleton. "I'd be on the lookout for it, as would much of the student body. Especially on the weekends, I think students would be quite concerned."

"It's not an undercover operation," said Leonard. "We are



Public Safety hopes current and prospective students will find the new vehicle more approachable. While it will not remain unmarked, the car intentionally does not include exterior siren lights.

planning to mark it. It's probably the most recognizable campus vehicle, basically a giant mobile billboard, so we're working to get the stickers for it and stay within the marketing guidelines of what logo we can use."

"It's not going to remain unmarked," said Patrol Supervisor Tim Hughes. "We're just waiting for somebody to approve the markings."

"At this point everyone knows that it's a Public Safety vehicle," said Shwaish. "It's still unmarked, but I don't think it's serving the purpose of being undercover. Right now I think it's just a technical issue that needs to be resolved, so it's not as horrible as I thought it was."

Part of the misconception about the new vehicle being 'undercover' comes from the fact that the vehicle is a 'slick top,' meaning that there are no lights on top of the car. Instead, the lights are internal.

"The idea is that the vehicle is a little more approachable," said Leonard. "It's not meant to deceive. If you came to campus as a visitor and saw the car, you might be a little more inclined to go say 'hi' and ask for directions. It's similar to the bullet proof vests our officers wear, which have a false front so the vest looks like a shirt and the officers look more approachable."

"I don't know if I really buy that," said senior Brian Scholly. "I think if anyone really needed to approach an officer, I don't think lights would really make much of a difference. There are definitely some students who would feel like a police vehicle without lights is being used to catch students doing stuff."

The Public Safety vehicles are part of the campus fleet, which is managed through Facilities Services. After a certain amount of mileage and usage, Facilities Services looks to replace vehicles, which is how Public Safety was able to purchase the new vehicle.

"I'm used to seeing the gold JCPS car rolling around campus," said Scholly. "But if it's an upgrade they need and it'll help them do their job right, how could anyone argue against getting a new vehicle?"

"The new vehicle is basically a Ford Explorer on steroids---that'd be the best way to put it," said Leonard. "What's nice is that this is actually a certified police packaged vehicle. It's a great tool for the officers, and it's definitely served as a little bit of a morale booster because it's just easier and nicer to use."

"The old vehicle was just a plain Ford Explorer that was converted," said Hughes. "It just wasn't made to hold a radio, lighting equipment and stuff like that. The new vehicle, being the police package, has everything where it's supposed to be, and a lot more room in the

"The new vehicle adds another dynamic to the campus," said Stapleton. "But I feel like Juniata College is well patrolled and looked after. I feel very safe

With the new vehicle, Leonard wants to remind students that Public Safety does offer a ride-along program available to all students.

"If at any point you don't feel safe walking across campus, you can call us and an officer will escort you," said Leonard. "Or if you want to spend an hour with the officers to see what they do, or if the car just sounds cool and you want to ride in it, let us know. As long we're not dealing with something, we can give you a ride somewhere and let you check it out."

Removal of Windows XP will ensure campus network security

By MATT ELIAS

In an effort to maintain network security, Juniata plans to remove Windows XP from the approved web accessible operating systems.

"It's a fact of life in the information technology field that operating systems get upgraded and older ones become outdated," said Dr. Loren Rhodes, John and Irene Dale professor of Information Technology, chair of Information Technology and Computer Science and professor of Information Technology and Computer Science.

The elimination of Windows XP spawns from Microsoft's announcement that security updates for the operating system will be discontinued in April, thus increasing the susceptibility to security breaches in any network that runs the XP operating

"Microsoft has dropped the support which means that viruses, security and privacy; all

those issues are stocked so that if we allowed XP to continue at Juniata we would be setting ourselves up for vulnerability. If Microsoft drops support at their level, we ourselves become more vulnerable," said Rhodes.

Juniata's removal of Windows XP actually parallels a nationwide phasing out of the operating system and has been deemed necessary in order to ensure campus network stability.

Fortunately, the change will have no significant impact on students' personal computer use.

"I believe it is necessary to take whatever measures to ensure the safety of the personal information of people who will be interacting with the network," said junior Paul Kuhn, an information technology POE. "If that means we have to spend the extra money to upgrade a few operating systems, I am 100 percent behind the move-

"There are very few machines on campus that still run XP, but

the ones that are doing so are running the operating system for a specific purpose," said Joel Pheasant, director of the Technology Solutions Center. "You won't notice the phasing out of XP in public areas, it's really just specific places that Windows XP

Pheasant said that removing Windows XP from the campus network has the propensity to effect students in specific academic departments that use equipment that requires XP to run. These machines are primarily used by students conducting research in be operated despite the campus removal of XP.

Machines become vulnerable when they interact with the campus network, so the temporary solution to prevent security breaches is to conduct research off of the network.

"Conducting research in a lab setting is imperative at Juniata, a school with strong science programs, and having to learn how

to use a new machine or a new operating system is not conducive to ideal research, so it is reassuring to know that this is not the case," said sophomore James Szamski.

Additionally, the negative residual effects surrounding the removal of Windows XP has implications beyond personal computer usage.

"The biggest place that we are aware of an issue right now is the software that is used for the locking systems in the dorms. Right now we have a version of that software that only runs on a lab setting, and will continue to XP, so we are frantically working with the vendor of that software to upgrade the version of that," said Pheasant.

Furthermore, around 85 percent of all ATMs in the United States run on the Windows XP operating system, sparking discussion between banks and Microsoft with the intention of resolving the issue in a multitude of ways.

"There has been talk between

banks and ATM companies that involve paying Microsoft millions of dollars out of pocket to provide the banks with security updates," said Pheasant. "Either the banks are going to be spending money to extend the support for XP, or they are going to be paying money to get new ma-

"It is daunting to observe how interconnected our technologically based modern society has become. If one thing goes haywire, the potential is created for a huge snowball effect," said sophomore Ryan Lamparter.

As Windows XP is slowly removed from Juniata's campus, the positive impact of stable security far out-weighs the negative impacts.

"Just like with student machines, this involves keeping operating systems up to date. We do this in the interest of students, and this is good because it shouldn't necessarily have any lasting impact on Juniata," said Pheasant.

Rock climbing risks may prevent group from becoming a club

By KATHERINE TOBAR

A group of Juniata students that has been rock climbing in the surrounding area applied to become an official RSO, but was allegedly denied due to liability issues.

"It wasn't until this year that I met a couple of seniors who are really into climbing. I was able to have a solid group," said junior Christian Gehman, who started the group. "I did some climbing during my freshman and sophomore year. But when I found this new group we decided we have enough people to start the club."

Although Gehman said the core group of climbers is small, more students are showing interest over time.

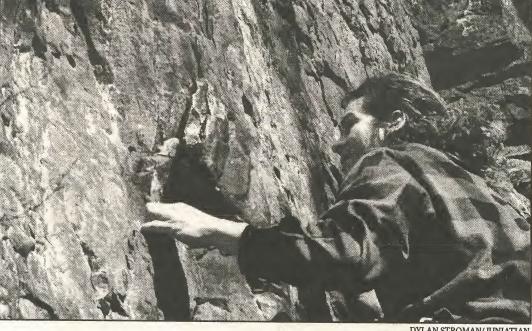
"There is me and three or four others, and they are all seniors. It is a pretty small group of people," said Gehman.

The group would like to become an official club so they can afford more safety equipment, but Gehman said they were denied this year.

"We wanted to be the first climbing club, but they didn't let us," said Gehman. "We started the club up, but we got denied because of liability issues and the school was worried because someone could get killed or hurt and the school would be responsible."

"I don't remember seeing something come across our desk as an application for a club," said Director of Students Activities Jessica Mumford.

Mumford may not have seen



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Senior Andy Blunk is a regular member of the rock clumbing group that hopes to become an RSO. Safety and liability issues have so far prevented approval of the group's RSO application.

the application because it was denied by the student government executive board.

Gehman exchanged a series of emails with the vice president of the Student Government executive board Matthew Guetzlaff, who reportedly told him the club was not approved and asked him to resubmit a paper regarding liability.

"Honestly, I don't think (Guetzlaff) really understood most of the terminology and just passed us off, or didn't want to make us a club because we already have Laughing Bush, which doesn't organize anything," said Gehman.

Junior Dylan Miller, another member of the group, thinks that with proper planning, the group could be approved in the future.

"I think for getting permission they should also have a designated place to start out with and maybe an instructor," said Miller. "If it passes, it will be one of the most dangerous clubs on campus. I am not surprised that they denied it."

"We want to be sure our students are safe having a good time," said Mumford.

The student rock climbers claim that the money they would receive as an official club will help minimize the risk of the activity, as they would then be able to afford the proper equipment.

"We need money to buy these giant pads that you see me walking around with. It is like a big mattress to keep you from getting hurt," said Gehman. "We all can't afford that so we won't have one. It is \$200 and not everyone is going to have it."

"They need to contact us or just meet with us," said Mumford. "Students go often to do things on your own but you can't do that in the name of Juniata College."

Another issue is who will lead the club.

"The biggest challenge is finding underclassmen to keep the club going," said Miller.

"There is no problem with senior leadership as long as the transition encourages other members like juniors, sophomores or freshmen who are interested in keeping the club," said Mumford.

In order to submit the application to become a club, the group must first find an advisor. Several professors might take interest.

"I think it would be a good club to have. There are many places to go to climb," said assistant professor of chemistry John Unger, who has an interest in outdoor activities.

"If the club is just going to be a bunch of students going and climbing and not really doing any educational approach for how to climb properly, then it could be a problem," said Unger.

"Climbing is just working out but not really working out. It's like a game but you work out at the same time. It really gets you in the moment. When you are climbing you do not think about anything else because you are focused on the task," said Gehman.

"It's physically challenging and I appreciate that element. I think emotionally it's also challenging. You know you are safe because you are attached to a rope but there still that element of fear that you have to overcome when you are 50 feet out of ground. Even though you are technically safe, your mind doesn't allow you to believe that all of the time," said Unger.

Mumford encouraged students interested in the group to rework the proposal.

"The best thing for this club to do is to come to our office to talk and fill out the paperwork," said Mumford. "If the student government approves them, then they will get a start fund and they will be able to fundraise."

Campus Health and Wellness services seek to improve students' well-being

By RACHEL CLINE

College students lead stressful lives and struggle to balance their hectic schedules. The list of options for students seeking balanced, healthy lifestyles includes Career Services, the Unity House, Campus Ministries and Academic Support.

"It is something I'm really interested in and passionate about: this idea of multidimensional wellness – trying to make sure that we provide our students with a culture here that supports their personal wellbeing, their physical well-being, their spiritual well being, their emotional well-being and so on," said President Jim Troha, our fearless leader.

"I feel that we have a fairly diverse and broad-based set of wellness services on campus," said Associate Professor of Biology John Matter.

"Physically, we don't have to pay for a gym membership, which is great," said freshman Hannah Sharpless. "And spiritually, there's a church on every corner, and for every church there's a bar."

A focus on student wellness can even be found in some class-rooms.

"I start every class with a form of tai chi and breathing exercises," said Professor of Biology Debra Kirchhof-Glazier. Kirchhof-Glazier is also a member of the health and wellness committee, which works to bring events and services to promote and improve health and wellness on campus.

Other benefits are provided at the the Health and Wellenss Center "Juniata caters to emotional needs of the students with the extensive number of counselors available," said senior Brandon Leckemby.

As extensive as Juniata's

options for health and wellness are, there are areas that could be reformed.

"There's room for improvement," said Dean of Students Kris Clarkson about overall student health on campus.

"If you are struggling emotionally and you want to see a counselor, if you have to wait more than a few days, that's problematic," said Troha.

"I'd like to see a facility that better accommodates those services we're talking about – additional counseling support, additional health services support, additional health educators," said Clarkson.

In their February meeting, the board of trustees discussed student wellness, intending to address some of these issues.

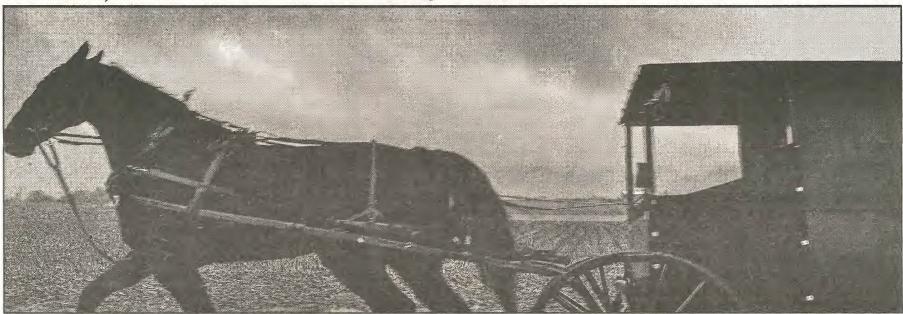
"It's in its very early stage of discussion. I think it could be a lens by which we look at how we construct our campus environment," said Troha.

As the College moves toward developing the next eight-year strategic plan, providing more wellness services for students is planned to be a part of the discussion.

"I want students to know that they will be hearing directly from me on this issue, and they will have every opportunity to engage in this discussion if they so choose," said Troha.

As Yoda said, "Do or do not, there is no try." As individuals, it's important for students to take responsibility for our health, and take part in opportunities to talk about and make improvements to overall campus wellness.





Amish families maintain traditional customs in a modern world

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living independently, as many buggy, or they may even ask Americans today strive to to use the telephone on certain live, the Amish choose to occasions. In exchange, they depending, relying and car- tors or give them farm-fresh ing for each other. "And boy produce. they do take care of each other," said Bowen, "They don't have in- department used to have an surance, but they have assurance." annual chicken and waffle

Juniata Connections

Douglas Stiffler, associate proan Amish family. Her mother fessor of history, has a growdied after her birth, and her ing connection with the Amish father decided to move back people of Big Valley. Stifto Philadelphia. Realizing he fler and his wife Jingxia couldn't nurse her, her father Yang, lecturer in Chinese, asked his Amish neighbor if own a house in Big Valley that they rent out to an Amish family, Rosanna was raised by the raise goats, keep chickens

"We moved to Juniata from sons did something unique— California," said Stiffler. "I they went to Juniata College. have to say, we were very curi-One of her sons is the author ous about Amish life, and it of the "Rosanna of the Amish." just turns out that if you have "The reason they don't use the right personality for it,

For example, non-driving ing driven distances that may Bowen said that instead of not be suitable for a horse and with interdependence, may pay their English benefac-

"Every year the history

dinner at an Amish-run restaurant. It used to be in Allensville, but they closed down and we wanted to continue the tradition," said Stif-

Stiffler asked an Amish family he knew if they could have dinner with them. "So the whole history department and spouses and retirees came, like 10 or 15 people. They had a big family-style dinner," said Stiffler. It was through that family that Stiffler met couple from whom they bought their house.

Memory and Time

Grace Fala, professor of communication, also lives among the Amish in Big Valley. She learns how to balance the oldworld culture where she lives and the contemporary culture where she works every day.

Fala said, "One of the common things you'll find is that there's an ever-present readiness for wit. They realize themselves to be different on some level. They realize that we're all exploring each other."

"The Amish people still live in an oral culture," said Fala.

"We live in a technological, visual culture - we need many, many more mnemonic devices to remember things, but because their culture is oral, they still rely on the spoken word to remember."

In Amish culture, time is liberated. "You're having a conversation-you don't hurry the conversation," said Fala. "You're not regulated by time. It's nature. It's seasons. It's when the planting season is, when the quilting season is, when the canning season is."

Fala hopes to publish her book on the topic of Amish culture, titled "Even Rocks Have Wings," by the summer.

International View

Amina Hameed is an international student from Pakistan who has been researching Amish culture. She said there is no group of people similar to the Amish in her home country. "Everyone there, has left the rural areas and they stay in city areas," said Hameed. "We want change; we do not want to be stranded in one place."

"I'm studying America

through the eyes of immigrants," said Hameed. "Amish people were from Germany-Dutch." When people immigrated to America, they melded together in cities, yet the Amish remained unique.

"They wanted to maintain their values and their dress, and I think it's not at all an easy thing to do," said Hameed. "When you have all of these luxuries in front of you, it's not easy to take a step back and say no to these things."

Amish Silence

The old man looked up for a final time, and the water continued to rain from his hands onto the plants. He did not say another word, but he grinned. There was a void in the greenhouse, between the silence and his rusted lips.

The void was filled with the silence of Amish work; the silence of feet bitten with frost, of hands stuck with splinters and of lungs wrung out to the last song. All of the foothills, the manure and morning auctions met at the ancient silence. And all he could do was smile.

Juniata graduates find romantic connections through common bonds

By Kyle Santerian

Students' four years at Juniata are not only important for earning a degree but also for creating lifelong relationships.

Juniata's small campus and friendly student body create an intimate environment that fosters romantic relationships at a time when students are ready to test the unfamiliar waters of adult relationships.

About 15 percent of Juniata alumni since 1930 are married to each other. "I am not surprised at all by the percentage. If anything I would expect it to be much higher. After all, they say that the people you meet in college are friends for life, so I would expect the same with relationships," said freshman Vince Kowalick.

Linda Carpenter, executive director of Constituent Relations, explained that in today's modern society, the percent of Juniata grads who are married to alumni is smaller in the more

recent graduating classes. For instance, 16 percent of the class of 2006 are married to alumni as compared to the class of 1956 in which 31 percent are married to Juniata graduates.

"Today, young people tend to wait a little bit longer to get married where in the '40s and '50s we actually used to have weddings right after graduation," said Carpenter.

"College is a time when you are figuring out who you are and who you want to be. As much as we might not like to admit it, I think that when we are in that state of figuring things out, we are a little bit more vulnerable. And when you open yourself up in that way, in that emotional type of state, obviously it is easier to be open to what else is out there," said David Meadows, director of alumni relations and parent programs.

According USA Today, the median marriage age for women is 27, while the median age for marriage among men is 29. With most students graduating at age 21, young adults are choosing to pursue careers first and marriages second.

Despite the fact that most students do not get married while they are in college, the undergraduate years are important as students begin to plan out their life goals and understand what is important for them in a partner.

"Some of it has to do with that age, you know? Students who are here are in their late teens and their early twenties; that's typically a time when you begin meeting people and you know enough about yourself," said Carpenter.

Juniata alumni tend to marry due to the strong sense of community and similar morals among Juniata students. It is no secret that the College attracts civic minded and intellectually motivated students.

"I also think at Juniata we tend to attract students here who have similar values. We have students here by and large who that draws them together," said really are committed to service in some way, and I think Carpenter.

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Although the number of stuthat makes a difference," said dents who marry right after graduation may be lower than in "It all sort of revolves around the past, the percent of married those friendships and those alumni seems to rise as students through your time at Juniata, ter. As graduates get settled into and there is also something their careers, they begin devoting ships.

"I think that after spending four or more years getting their degree, people are eager to get Not only do these values into the workforce. They make connections on campus, but reers first and their personal lives they also lead to a high number later on," said freshman Kelcie

As the Juniata identity con-"I also hear more stories from tinues to evolve and the ranks alums who connected after they of alumni continue to grow, graduated that they didn't actu- the number of Juniatians "tyally date while they were at Ju- ing the knot" may increase in niata or they met someone who the future. The common bonds was on campus at a different that lead students to interact on time than they were. They con- campus pay dividends as gradunect after their time and that is ates connect with alumni and

Qabbani poetry prevails through oppressive atmosphere



With the coming of spring, once again

All have migrated back from

all the dreams, all the youth-

which had sacrificed themselves upon your lips,

All those roses have bloomed again,

Fragrant with your memories, That is the blood of your lovers All those torments are boiling

The grief of the fallen friends, The intoxication of the beloved's embrace,

All the chapters lost in the dust of memory,

all the questions between us, all the answers!

With spring,

All have returned.

It's spring

And open are the wounds long healed.

It is March, and spring has started to lift its head from the depths of earth, to cast a little Middle East is marked by the

EDITORIAL

"The faculty and staff are per-

sonally invested in every single

student so finding guidance and

support is easy," reads a student

quote on the Dean of Student's

page on Juniata's website. This is

no doubt a big selling point for

the college, but how much in-

vestment is too much? Juniata's

DataTel program, which con-

tains information that follows

sun on the dim summit of my hope. March is also dear to me because my beloved poet Nizar Qabbani was born in this month.

Qabbani belongs to a place which is recognized by most Americans as a harbor of tyranny, of Islamist extremism, where there is no freedom of speech, where no such thing as love and romance exist.

They do not know that a man like Qabbani can be born and live in a place like middle east and emerge as one of the most romantic and erotic poets of the whole world; whose erotic poems broke and shattered the socalled traditional conversations of the Arab world. The poet who wrote songs to express resentment of male chauvinism, authoritarianism, and to give words to woman's freedom.

They do not know that his inspiration for love poetry did not emerge from the tall palm trees of his country, nor was he inspired by the beauty of a woman he loved. He started poetry when his sister committed suicide after not being able to marry the man she loved.

Nizar Qabbani is one of the poets whose marks still lay on the breast of his beloved home-

The modern history of the

foot prints of religious conservatism and lack of freedom of expressions. In that atmosphere, es. in that land where most of the countries are still dominated by dictators, still there are people like Nizar Qabbani whose words are more erotic than a naked woman's body.

Who else other than Qabbani

"It is not enough that you were born beautiful. You had to pass through my

arms one day

To be more than beautiful."

Poetry has been the most beautiful way of expression; it is said that what cannot be said in ordinary words can be conveyed through poetry no matter what. But poetry has always played an important role in the history of politics as well as life itself.

Poetry, by its nature, is a form of dialogue; poems are attempts to communicate what cannot be said.

Who can believe that an Arab poet who is almost dubbed as the national poet of his country Syria can write these

"Undress... for a very long

No miracles have fallen on this

Strip naked... disrobe.

Your body knows all languag-

And who wrote that:

You still ask me the date of my birth. .

Write this down,

And now you know: my birth-

Occurred when you began to love me."

The tyrannical atmosphere of the Middle East tried its best to repress beauty and art; but they did know that it is not possible to stop it. Pablo Neruda once

"You can cut all the flowers but you cannot keep Spring from coming."

Love cannot bloom in the autumn of coercion; it is impossible for love to take breath and live in the winds of tyranny. Love cannot withstand oppression. Qabbani did not solely blame the western powers for what happens in Middle East. For Qabbani, the rulers of the Middle Eastern Arab countries were themselves responsible for their position.

"Our shouting is louder than out actions,

Our swords are taller than us, This is our tragedy.

In short

We wear the cape of civiliza-

mitted to looking through the

files. While handling DataTel

and confidential files may be a

But our souls live in the stone

When his beautiful beloved wife Balqis al-Rawi was killed in the bombing of the Iraqi embassy in Beirut, he became totally shattered and he blamed the dirty politics of middle east for his loss. He wrote highly passionate and charged poems for his wife. They brought tears to every Arab household as well as protesters.

His poem contained the feelings of a man holding the body of his murdered, beloved wife, abusing the political system for

"When a beautiful women

the earth loses its balance

the moon declares mourning for a hundred years

and poetry becomes unemployed

They've killed you, Balqis

What kind of an Arab world is this, this one that chokes ca-

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Student role in peer affairs may cause unnecessary bias not experts in human behavior, and their input will be clouded

by their own opinions of what

is "normal." Juniata has put a lot of effort into educating the community about bias-we have a bias response team that responds to any actions against people of a different race, religion, ethnicity or sexual orientation. However, red flags are ignored as a form of potential bias. For example, a student orientation leader said one cause of potential concern that orientation leaders may look for is introversion. Studies have shown that about half of all people are introverts or have introverted qualities. It is not

clear how students who receive a red flag for this are identified, but labeling an introverted student the same way as they might label someone who causes trouble sets the student up for an undeserved bias that could influence the faculty's opinion of the student. If that student gets written up, he or she will already have a mark against them that could influence the way the incident is perceived.

Perhaps even more troubling is the way confidentiality regarding potential incidents is handled. A number of student workers have access to every other student's information, and one former worker has ad-

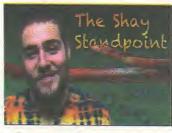
necessary requirement of these student workers' jobs, the fact that they are not required to sign any kind of confidentiality agreement makes little sense. Without a document that outlines standard procedures for handling confidential documents, there is no way to hold workers accountable for their actions. Disciplinary, academic and medical information are issues that should be handled seriously, and having an official policy in place would ensure that the information in DataTel is treated



students from freshman orientation to graduation, has too many opportunities to be misused to be fair to students. DataTel documents contain students' disciplinary history and include details about any time the student is called in to the Dean's office. The DataTel program makes it possible to quickly access all of a student's information when it is needed. However, mixing facts with speculation could set low expectations for students who deserve better. One troubling aspect of the

DataTel system is the labeling of incoming freshmen by student orientation leaders over the summer. The process of marking students with green flags and red flags is unfair on a number of levels. First, these judgments are made by students with no extensive training that would help them identify an exemplary or a troubled peer. No matter how perceptive the orientation leaders are, they are

Additional charges contradict Juniata's 'student friendly' claims



Juniata often makes the assertion that they go the extra mile for their students, and that their top priority is making the process of earning a degree as enriching and student friendly as possible.

One example the school likes to cite is the high caliber of professors that are hired in order to ensure that its students are given a thorough, well informed, and engaging education. Juniata asserts that another example can be found in how feasible the school has made it for sophomores and juniors to get an internship or take a hands-on role in research being conducted by their professors.

On a basic level, I can agree that these aspects of Juniata make for a solid education; I know that they have improved mine. The problem is that this can be said about any small liberal arts schools worth its salt, and should not, therefore, be touted as proof that Juniata is especially devoted to its students.

Additionally, I have seen little evidence that Juniata is willing to go the extra mile for their students without charging their students extra for it, which does not make it 'going the extra mile' in reality.

In fact, it appears to me that there are many small, relatively easy changes that Juniata could make to its policies—at little or no cost to the institution—that would help students make the most of their education, but instead chooses not to.

The first example of this that I noticed was that many of the fine arts classes that are considered unique or hands-on have a special course fee attached to them. One such class is beginning photography, which is a black and white film photography class that gives students a

still operating dark rooms in this increasingly digital age.

Short of working in a photo shop, this is an experience students will probably never have again. Yet, despite the high and ever increasing price of tuition, the school still charges students an extra \$175 for the materials needed to take the class. Similarly exorbitant fees are applied to just about any class that involves a field trip.

Another instance where Juniata makes extra money off the students, to the potential detriment of their education, can be seen in the fee for taking over 18 credits in a semester. It costs the school nothing for their students to take a class that would put them at over 18 credits, yet the school still charges an extra \$1,175 per credit over 18! To me, a fee of that ridiculous magnitude is outrageous!

I was personally affected by this last semester when I had 19 credits in total. I decided to claim only one of the two credits

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As I have shown in this piece, fees because they do not want Juniata frequently chooses to students to be overloaded, this try to squeeze extra money out reasoning does not stand up to of the student body even to the scrutiny. If this were the true potential detriment of their goal behind Juniata's staggering educational experience. To be overload fee, that objective could clear, I am not saying that I be easily achieved at no cost am surprised by the fact that to the students by simply re- this happens or claiming that quiring advisor approval for Juniata is not allowed to do these a students to take more than things. After all, any private college is a for-profit institution.

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Corrections

In the March 6 issue of The Juniatian, Kent Zelesky was incorrectly identified as having dealt with a "glutton allergy" instead of a "gluten allergy." Also, Tunisian was spelled incorrectly in the photo caption on page 7.

The Juniatian staff makes every effort to prevent errors from being printed. If you have found an error, please email us at thejuniatian@gmail.com.



Letter to the Editor.

Attending Juniata was the best decision I could have made in my life. I have met people from varying backgrounds, gained valuable knowledge, and above all I started to become more aware of the societal problems that exist in our world today. The editorial in the issue 6 of The Juniatian address the topic of diversity at our College.

While well-intended to spark a conversation, I have to address the glaring issue that the writer did not mention. Being able to voice your opinion in a society like ours is a right that I would never want to take for granted. However, when that opinion starts to infringe upon the rights of minorities, those in the minority group are paying the price.

Throughout history, people in the dominant group have always been in a privileged position to express their opinions, feelings, and thoughts on any subject. On the other side of the spectrum, minority groups have been subjugated to punishment from verbal abuse to horrid, extreme physical assaults. Look at the multiple civil rights movements. From Susan B. Anthony to Martin Luther King Jr. and even the recently departed Nelson Mandela, people who are privileged, who are white, heterosexual men, have felt the need to impart their opinions, their feelings and their thoughts on us. And not quietly.

You state in your editorial that diversity should break down this "barrier" which will acknowledge people to listen to each other, respect their feelings, and honor their dreams. This idea is great if you are a person that has always been fortunate enough to have their thoughts acknowledged, feelings respected, and dreams honored.

Try living in a world where you are in fear that people will automatically judge you based on your skin color, your gender identity, your sexual orientation, or your SES status. That idea is putting the burden on minorities to break down the barrier instead of the people who are privileged.

Juniata's efforts to increase diversity on campus are not meant to belittle your thoughts, feelings, and opinions. In fact, that would defeat the point of why it is happening. We want to include students and faculty who could relate to those different groups of people, who have been oppressed for so long:

People in a privileged position will always have their opinions, their feelings, and their thoughts validated. I do not know if you can comprehend what it is feels like being a minority student at Juniata and having simple tasks become extremely difficult such as getting your haircut or having a faculty member look like you.

Is it wrong to want more from Juniata? To see more people of color in administrative positions? To not be the only minority in your class? Juniata has improved immensely since I started in 2010. The efforts made by the Office of Diversity and Inclusion and Rosalie Rodriguez should never go unnoticed.

Notwithstanding, more can and should be done just not

by Rosalie and the Office of Enrollment to make Juniata more inclusive and more diverse. It starts with us. Students should take more responsibility for improving our College. It should not just be a discussion for the diversity office with only minority students.

As I stated above, minority thoughts, opinions, and feelings are often undervalued. An effort needs to be made by all of us to demand the best from our school. Because Juniata students love to complain about how much money we spend at our school and we continue to do absolutely nothing about it.

My goal with my letter is not to attack you. It is to clarify why this is an issue and why Juniata should

Corey Lacey, '14

Letter to the Editor

"The Filthy Funnies" article regarding JCPS was demeaning, inappropriate, immature, and not representative of the campus attitude as a whole in any way.

Where did this childish sense of entitlement come from? I am trying to put myself in your shoes when you sat down to write this. I get it; humor is difficult to translate into writing so I'm not expecting perfection from you. Shout out to "wet campus dry food," though; it made me smile.

However, JCPS keeps us safe. Belittle and complain all you want, but Huntingdon is a small town with a low crime rate. One of the worst things that can happen to you is slipping on the ice as Facilities, to whom I am also eternally grateful, struggles to attack a winter that just wants to keep us down, literally.

Calling JCPS fat was way out of line. "Do you want fries with that?" Yes, I do, and a large diet coke because McDonald's coke is delivered straight from the gods. As for the donut comment, do you like donuts? Stop by South hall on Saturday mornings when the football recruits are here;

Weis makes some mean donuts. I have never seen a JCPS officer come by and partake in the delectable donuts. Maybe it's because they're too busy helping students.

JCPS and I started our relationship when I was in Inbound as a freshman. They led a self-defense class and showed me how to jam my car keys into someone's eyeballs if they tried to kidnap me. I've never used this skill, but I am glad that I have it at my disposal. I have been locked out of my dorm building more times than I care to admit, and they always show up on

their white steed (or new shiny white vehicle) to help me out. One time my car door wouldn't shut and the officer came and helped to fix it for me and said, "If this happens again just give us a call because you might pinch your fingers if you try to do it yourself." Going out of your way to find me and help me fix my car door because I might "pinch my fingers" is beautiful and selfless, and I am so thankful that I go to a school where a public safety officer is genuinely concerned about the well-being of my index finger.

So, JCPS officers: Tim

Hughes, Dan Glass, Mile Miles, Kyle Heverly, Donnie Steele, Tye Levy, Tim Fagan, Jim Renniger, John Prough, and Phil Duck, I would like to personally thank you on behalf of the Juniata community from the bottom of my heart. I am so grateful for all that you do. Jesse Leonard, Head of Public Safety, deserves a shout out for all of his hard work and helping me to write this letter. Also, what would it take for me to get a joy ride in one of those golden SUVs? Asking for a friend.

Angela Myers, '14

Taking back the night: overcoming the agony of rape



*Use caution when reading. This story may be a trigger for sexual assault survivors.

"A hooded sweatshirt, baggy jeans, and a cap..." "Black-T, skinny jeans, leopard flats." "Navy capri pants, lilac tank top, black cardigan, flip flops."

I felt my heart beating at the pace of a hummingbird's wings flapping. Unsuccessfully, I tried to take long deep breaths to avoid another panic attack, but my trembling hands reminded me that after six years, I was not okay.

"1. Skirt and a t-shirt, 2. Sweatpants and a concert tee," I typed. With no blinks to interrupt my sight, my eyes pierced the screen and my mind unconsciously brought me right back to the very moments I wore those outfitsthe very moments my life changed.

Staring at my computer screen, I couldn't move, but I heard his voice whispering in my ear, his hot breath unpleasantly tingling every fiber of my body. I was quiet but my soul was crying uncontrollably. This unwanted flashback was blurred with another, made by a different boy. This time, I felt more relaxed-I had been sleeping—and I felt his coarse hands inching up my stomach.

I took a breath and clicked "share."

In that very second, I became vulnerable to 1,218 people on my Facebook. I had shared, like many other women in the adjoining article from Buzzfeed, a glimpse into what I was wearing both times I was sexually assaulted; the first when I was 15 by a close friend, and again just shy of my 18th birthday by a classmate.

As April, which is Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month, approaches, I have decided to share part of my story in hopes that it gives those who are fortunate enough not to have experienced what I have gone through, a glimpse, through my eyes, into the aftermath of an assault.

On June 13th, 2008, my first experience left me with a sense of worthlessness. It was my first time having sex. I didn't love the boy, nor was I in a relationship with him. It was far from whatever fairy tale I had ever imagined.

My column from Issue 7 about being a male fantasy sets up the background of a lifetime of degradation, in which this single event confirmed to my adolescent self that I was only good for sex.

I kept quiet.

It took me almost two years to come to terms with what had happened, and then I had to deal with it ... alone.

In high school, I was the queen of sexting, giving in to every guy's request. I subsequently ended up in an abusive relationship for over a year, and, despite what everyone told me, I didn't think I deserved better. At the time I felt that anything special had been taken and I had nothing to offer someone who actually meant something to me.

After the second assault, I received such horrible backlash and harassment from some members of the student body that I did not return to Juniata for my sophomore year. I was terrified going into communal bathrooms to take showers, walking from the library to my dorm at night ... afraid to sleep in my bed. People would call my phone from blocked numbers to slut shame me and I was labeled a liar and troublemaker by some individuals; it was uncomfortable being in classes and not always knowing who knew or what they thought of me. I had a teacher, who knew what I was going through, berate me for "looking like I don't want to be in class."

But I don't despise those individuals. To this day, I pray that somehow, someway and at some point they will be able to understand the pain that such trauma causes.

One of the hardest things I've ever had to do was tell my mother over the phone from almost 3,000 miles away, what happened. I literally heard her heart break as she started crying. Fortunately, I was able to go home for Thanksgiving that year, but the thought of coming back to school actually made me sick. The night of my flight to return to Juniata, I was rushed to the ER for breathing problems caused by inflamed rib cartilage.

Yet, even with a great support system from those who knew what had happened and counseling, I still struggled to grasp some sense of self-worth and trust, which is something no one can help you gain.

Throughout the years, and to this day, I struggle with drug abuse, self-harm and alcoholism.

As someone who has dealt with depression and anxiety from a young age, it spiraled out of control. Some days I honestly just cannot get out of bed, as so many little things can trigger

a panic attack. The word "rape" makes me shudder. I still don't like walking alone, especially at night. I can read a book, see a film or hear a conversation that touches on the subject, and it completely scares me.

Following my second assault, one of my doctors back home diagnosed me with post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), and I have been through many phases in an effort to gain back control over my body, my self - me, as a respected individual.

I have been in unsafe situations because my thought process is, "If I just let this man, or men, get what they want and I go with the flow, it will be okay, because they'll take it anyway." Sex became something that just happened to me and I taught myself how to completely disassociate myself and not feel any emotion in the moment. There were also periods of time where I didn't want ANYONE to touch me, and other times where I was extremely promiscuous.

Some positions, when a man is in control, or if my eyes close during intercourse, I become fearful - and this has happened with men I was in serious, healthy relationships with, which makes me feel as if this trauma will haunt me for the rest of my

Other times, I enjoy positions where I am in control, or, in the past, I have placed myself in risky circumstances to see if I can take and stay in control of the situation to prove to myself that it is possible to not be taken advantage of.

Sexual assault is not about intercourse, it's about power.

What you wear, how much you drank, what you've said or done in the past is irrelevant when it

When somebody takes your authority to regulate what happens to your own body, and it's done in such a vile manner... how do you truly recover from that?

You never do fully.

It is easy to find statistics that show that 1 in 4 college women report surviving rapekeyword, report.

But as long as we perpetuate this despicable rape culture that is ever-present in our society, it is difficult for survivors to come forward.

The culture cannot change overnight, however, we can start making changes by taking the issue more seriously.

Most people do not falsely report being raped, especially knowing they'd inevitably receive backlash, on top of dealing with the personal emotional stress. Therefore, do not jump to conclusions or believe everything you hear. Understand that people handle the aftermath in different ways, and those behaviors are not always the same.

Anytime I consider becoming seriously involved with someone, I always have to worry about when I'd have to share this information and how that person will react. It's unavoidable because, 6 years later, I still struggle with triggers.

You don't usually hear anyone readily divulging these experiences, so be aware of what you say, because you never know who you're around and what they've been through. And don't feel bad or have pity. Saying "sorry this happened to you" doesn't help. Get educated and educate others so one day I will not have to post and defend the outfits I wore when I was raped.

Crazy Lonnie' reveals plan for ark to save Huntingdon from flood



No, we are not talking about the B.C. era; this article is from 1977. I don't know how much truth there is to this story of "Crazy Lonnie" and his Viking ark, but I think it is absolutely hilarious.

It is full of witty comments and quips about Lonnie doing things "by the book," like collect pairs of animals, which accidentally resulted in a surplus of hamsters.

Ark to Be Built in Huntingdon

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Ah, yes. The winds of spring are wafting through the bare branches of the trees. To worried townspeople, they signify the potential loss of Huntingdon to the whims of the Juniata River

during a rainstorm. There is one townie, though, who is not at all worried by the possibility of Spring flooding.

Crazy Lonnie is planning to escape the ravages of an impending flood by building an ark. Yep, he's building and honest-to-God ark smack in the middle of his back yard. Lonnie has sent away to a shipbuilding firm in Chicago for the plans to build his ark. This particular firm couldn't supply Lonnie with the plans for an ark, but they did provide him with the blueprints for a 100 foot Viking warship, instead. Lonnie still isn't sure how he's going to be able to work all of the oars at once, but the dragon's head on the bow fascinated him; so he decided to use the plans for the Viking craft, anyhow.

Lonnie is doing everything by the Book, too. Right now, he's in the process of collecting two of every kind of animal. He already has two each of dogs, cats, horses, goats, pigs, etc. He did have two hamsters, but he forgot to separate them. He now has 26 of

them, and isn't quite sure which were the original two. Lonnie also has seven pairs each of parakeets, budgies and canaries and fourteen pigeons have taken up residence on the oar-locks. The boat looks, sounds and smells like the pet center of a Murphy's Mart. Lonnie plans to improve upon Noah by stepping on the pair of ants and cockroaches sometime when the vessel is afloat; but the pair of termites is already hold-up on board somewhere between the mast and the devil. Lonnie also plans to take two cows, as he drinks lots of milk; but he's having a hard time finding a male and female mule.

Lonnie had asked his family to join him, but for reasons which he has not yet figured out, they declined his invitation. Rather than face the prospect of 40 days and 40 nights alone on a boatful of animals, Lonnie has decided to take along 14 fun-loving females. To keep things kosher, they've been included on his list of "7 pairs of chicks." In his preparation for the inevitable, Lonnie



A Viking ship much like the one Lonnie may have built.

is also taking along 40 quarterkegs of beer, loads of munchies and plenty of Zip-lock Baggies filled with "weed." As directed, he's also taking enough grain to feed the animals; although he was never aware that it was possible to keep animals alive on grain alcohol.

Lonnie may be crazy, but he is prepared. And he's sure that after the rest of Huntingdon has

been washed away, his "ark" shall come to rest on the top of Tussy Mountain when the waters recede; sometime in late April or early May. Lonnie has no definite plans for the foreseeable future. He did mention, however, that Sahib Productions of Turkey have already made a bid for the film rights to his story; to be called, appropriately enough: Lonnie's Ark.

Express your appreciation for others with a simple 'thank you'



Are you a student at Juniata College?

If so, let me ask you another question: do you ever take the time to appreciate how incredibly fortunate you are?

While many Juniata students often complain about exams, workloads and other academic stresses, few take the time we should to appreciate the opportunity we have to study at Juniata or just to attend college at all. I am often just as guilty of this as anyone else.

The fact of the matter, though, is that not everyone has this opportunity.

"I earned my place in college," some might say, "so why should I be grateful or consider myself fortunate?"

This is most likely true to some degree. Good grades in high school, adequate performance on the SATs and good relationships with teachers who wrote recommendation letters are all part of what it takes to get to college. All of these things must be earned, and college students should give themselves the credit they deserve for these things.

However, we as students are not the only ones who deserve the credit. Many people are familiar with the saying, "It takes a village to raise a child," but few of us take the time to acknowledge the people who make up the "village" that has shaped us into who we are.

Most students at Juniata would not be where we are today without support from parents, teachers, church leaders, coaches and others who helped raise us, teach us and make us into the people we are today.

Parents are often the ones who teach us the basics of right and wrong. They are also typically the ones who feed us, clothe us, take us to sports practice and put up with our out-of-tune trumpet practicing. That's pretty commendable stuff.

Many parents also help their kids pay for college. Sometimes it can be easy to forget that parents are under no particular obligation to help us in any way whatsoever once we are 18 years old. But the fact of the matter is that many parents willingly contribute thousands of dollars of their own hard-earned money toward their children's education.

That fact should not go unappreciated. And that appreciation should not go unexpressed.

Teachers, along with parents, can play a huge role in shaping us into who we are. Many college students were likely inspired to choose their major by a teacher who was passionate about their subject and ignited that same passion in their students.

Teachers do so much good for so many people, and no one makes them do it. Also, ask most teachers and they will quickly tell you that they are not in it for the money. Teachers choose to help others succeed, and they receive far less pay or recognition than they deserve.

Again, this fact should not go unappreciated. These days, most people's high school teachers are on Facebook; there is no good excuse not to thank the ones who did the most for you. So do it!

Countless other people play important roles in shaping our lives. Many people who play sports have coaches who serve as great mentors, and many coaches do this as volunteers with no reward other than the satisfaction of helping young athletes.

Those who have a religious upbringing are often supported in many ways by their religious community. And college students who no longer believe in the religion with which they were raised should still remember all the good that often came from those communities.

And Juniata students are not only fortunate in the support we had in getting to Juniata; we are also remarkably fortunate to have strong support available to us here as students. Professors, advisors, campus ministry staff, health and wellness staff and countless others choose to make it their job to support Juniata students, and the majority of them do their jobs very well.

So take a minute amidst your studies and stress to think of all the people who have helped you along the way to where you are.



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Remember all that everyone at Juniata does each and every day to help you get wherever you are going. And don't just think of these people—thank them!

There are countless ways to thank people. It could be something as simple as a "thank you," or something as thoughtful and personal as a hand-written card. Showing someone appreciation might also look like buying them coffee, or offering to take them out for a beer. There are endless possibilities- be creative!

It's important to acknowledge those who play large roles in your life, but it's equally important to acknowledge the small acts of kindness that people do for you every day.

A friend who frequently holds doors for people told me once that one of the most frustrating things he experiences is when someone walks through without so much as a smile or a nod. I quite agree.

If we want the world to be

filled with these little acts of caring, we have to appreciate the people who do them day in and day out. Even people who do good things without expecting any reward need acknowledgement and encouragement occasionally. No one is strong enough to carry on indefinitely without it.

Never forget that you have the power to give the gifts of appreciation and encouragement each and every day. Those gifts are simple, but they are far-reaching. Never underestimate the power of an encouraging word.

Finally, pass it on! Repay those who have helped you get where you are by making full use of your potential, and do what you can to help others in the same way that countless others have helped you.

You just might find that helping others is its own reward. And you never know just how far the simplest act of support or encouragement may reach.

Survive your break up by being optimistic and remaining active



The mixture of hopelessness, sadness and every other emotion burns in the middle of your chest. The final goodbye has been said and there is no turning back. The relationship you thought was perfect is over and now you are left with a throbbing hole in your chest. The feeling of heartbreak.

How do you handle this feeling? Is there any way up from what feels like the bottom? What do you do to ease this pain, you ask? In fact, almost everyone asks these questions at least once in their lifetime and unfortunately there is no overnight cure. Though, I know from experience that no heartbreak lasts forever.

There are ways in which you can force yourself to believe that the pain is not there. I have been down this path before.

I was young and madly in love and before I knew it, everything ended. I cried more days than I can count. I truly felt like the world was turned upside down and I was never going to heal. But I did, and I can say that I am happy that I felt this pain. Although during the time of a break up it may be hard to see

its benefits, remind yourself that in the end, it was just another lesson learned.

When facing any breakup or any other cause of heartbreak, remember that something positive has to come after. However, I know that point does not come soon enough, so here is my advice to get you to that point.

When you first break up with someone, try not to blame yourself. Blaming yourself and constantly asking yourself what you did wrong does not help the situation. It makes you hate yourself instead of help you heal.

Every now and then I still ask "why was I not good enough," but then I remember that I gave the relationship I was in everything I had and then it makes it easier to move on. So as long as you feel that you put your heart and soul into it, just remind yourself that you did nothing wrong.

If you have those moments where you wonder why you were not good enough, talk to your friends or family about it. They know how to support you, so let them. Unfortunately, you may hear, "there are other fish in the sea" or "they were not good enough for you." Just keep in mind that those who say these things may not understand what you feel and are only trying to help you out of your poor situation.



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They also do not know the other person they way you did. So just try to smile through the pain and think "hey, they are doing the best they can." Yes, you will feel slightly irritated by this and that is okay. Just learn not to use those lines when someone you know goes through the same thing.

But the biggest part of healing after a breakup is remaining active in life. Allowing the pain to take over your life is no way to live. You have to stay busy and find ways to keep your mind off of things, because otherwise you will go insane. Every question, every bad memory will eat at you until you make your-

self sick.

Crying is okay, but if you are causing yourself to have panic attacks or other emotional scarring it is not healthy. Try to stay positive even though there is chaos on the inside. And if you really feel like you cannot handle it, write down your feelings or seek help from someone close to you or a professional.

Heartbreak is not something that is easy to go through. However, as the saying goes, "only time can heal." It may not be healed in a day, month, or even a year, but each day it will get easier.

We are all humans and none of us are alone in these feelings.

Heartbreak is a life obstacle that is thrown our way to make us stronger. So when you are feeling extremely down, remember that you are not alone; that most people have experienced this before. Plus, you will always have those who love you and sometimes that is all you need to get through such a rough time.

It is not easy, this thing called heartbreak. The scars will forever hold a special place on your heart. Wear them with pride, because you made it through something difficult. Do not use them to become heartless or as an excuse to fear love, but embrace them and learn from them.

JAB efforts secure big-name performers for Major Event

By KATE BOCK

By not having Major Event last year, the Juniata Activities Board (JAB) was able to double their budget for the show this weekend and secure appearances by Mike Poser and Chris Allen. JAB hopes the highprofile performers will attract a larger audience and increase interest in the event.

"We are actually on pace to sell more tickets than we have in the past, and that is something that we're really excited about," said senior Benjamin Krouse, executive board member of JAB.

"Students or non-students can purchase tickets in the Ellis lobby Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 11a.m.-2p.m. There will be one of our committee members sitting at the tables during that time slot. They can also be purchased online through the Arch," said Krouse.

JAB also hopes to attract audience members from outside Juniata's campus. Senior Jacquelyn Barnett, chair of JAB, has been advertising the event to other colleges.

"I send packages out to Susquehanna University and Clarion University—just colleges that are within a decent distance from Juniata that might be interested in the concert," said Barnett.

JAB members hope to attract a larger audience than in years past. "It's not every day that you have an American Idol finalist coming to Huntingdon," said Krouse.

Freshman Samantha Mershon said, "It seems like people

feel they need to go to Major Event just because it's Major Event, but this year I think students are actually excited to go because we have more famous performers."

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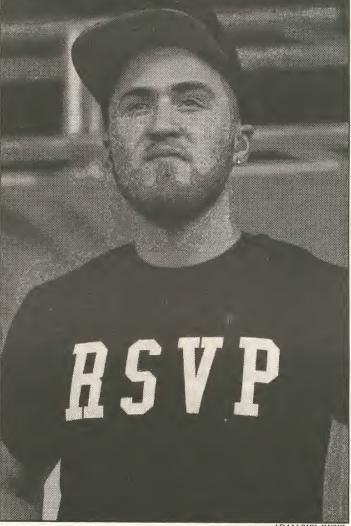
"It's definitely a much bigger name talent, which is something that JAB wanted," said James D'Amico, assistant director of student activities.

Many students are excited for Juniata to host such highprofile artists. "I'm impressed that Juniata was able to get people like Kris Allen and Mike Posner for Major Event. We hear their songs on the radio, and it's impressive that we got them to come to perform for us," said

As a way to raise more money for each performance, JAB decided to host the Major Event semi-annually. "Major Event would allocate roughly \$35,000, so this year, between saving those two years plus ticket revenue from Major Event two years ago, the budget is a little over \$75,000," said D'Amico.

Before the school year started, members of JAB brainstormed possible artists to perform for Major Event within the \$50,000 budget allocated for the artist's fee.

"They were to come together, narrow the field down to about four or five major performers and then those performers were advertised or marketed during the first week of the academic year," said D'Amico. "Then at Lobsterfest, with everyone visiting the JAB table there, they could vote on one of the four or five acts that they



Mike Posner, one of the two performers scheduled for Major Event, was voted for as the main act by Juniata students this fall.

wanted to see here."

Senior Christine Sumner, chair of JAB, said, "I picked Mike Posner, and he was selected by everyone on campus so we bid for him first and he accepted."

"We had some money left over from Mike ... and there was an idea to bring Kris Allen in. Kris Allen had won Sea-

son 8 of American Idol, so it's much more of a pop theme this year. Two years ago it was more of a hip-hop theme," said D'Amico. "Those themes can vary depending on (1) cost, (2) the students on the committee and (3) what is up-and-coming and what the students want to hear on campus."

The other voting options

at Lobsterfest were Cartel and Mayday Parade, Cage the Elephant and The Gaslight Anthem. Had any of these bands won the popular vote, theme would certainly changed.

Despite the fact that the chairs of JAB do most of the planning, students and faculty on campus are also involved with organizing and marketing Major Event.

"My role in this performance and this type of work is very limited. I more or less advise my three committee members and oversee what goes on," said Krouse. "We like to incorporate our JAB committee members and really let them take the reins from the get-go."

"James helps us do the contracting, so he communicates with the artist's manager, contractor and the sound people," said Sumner. "For security we have the baseball team."

"(They have) just done a bang-up job of really marketing this event and making sure that it goes off without a hitch. I'm really proud of all of them," said Krouse.

JAB members anticipate that their hard work will pay off with a great performance. "I definitely hope that students will go out and attend this concert," said D'Amico. "I think they're going to be blown away, and I expect a lot of great things to happen."

Mike Posner and Kris Allen will perform on campus for this year's Major Event on Saturday, March 29, in the intramural gym. Doors open at 7p.m. and tickets are \$15 for Juniata students and \$20 for non-students.

Miley Cyrus' controversial album 'Bangerz' raises eyebrows



Miley Cyrus' album "Bangerz" sparked conversation all over the world. The album is Miley's fourth studio album and was released on Oct. 4, 2013. The Queen of Shock, as everyone has been calling her, hopes to reestablish her music career instead of focusing on her film career, as she originally planned. She has definitely drawn attention to herself; if you say that you do not know who Miley Cyrus is, you are lying.

Cyrus has described the sound of her new music as "dirty south hip-hop," and she considers the album to be her debut record. The project's xecutive producers Miley and Mike Will Made It also collaborated with hip-hop producers Cirkut, Pharrell Williams and will.i.am to accomplish the new sound.

The efforts of the producers resulted in a primarily pop record. As for the lyrical themes, they stemmed from romance. Reportedly, Miley's former fiancé, Liam May 2. Hemsworth, is to blame.

"Bangerz" has received reviews that range from negative to positive by both music critics and the public. Critics have said that they appreciate the production and originality but frown upon her risqué persona.

The album debuted at No. 1 on the U.S. "Billboard 200" with 270,000 copies being sold within the first week. Cyrus' opening week sales ranks third highest for a female artist in 2013 behind "Beyoncé" by Beyoncé and "Prism" by Katy Perry. Additionally, the album reached peak position in Australia, Ireland, Scotland and the UK. "Bangerz" features vocals from several new partners, including Britney Spears, Big Sean, French Montana, Future, Ludacris and Nelly.

Along with the album, her tour, the Bangerz Tour, is receiving mixed reviews. To be honest, this show is a hot mess. The tour is Miley's fourth concert tour and is being held in support of her album "Bangerz." The tour began on Feb. 14 in North America and will continue in Europe on

During the first performance in Vancouver the show started with prerecorded black and white footage of an almost-naked Cyrus. The footage showed Miley making several poses while wearing sexual bondage themed attire with "Fitzpleasure" by Alt-J playing in the background.

Miley, as I am sure everyone has noticed, has no problem with being vulgar. In my opinion, I think she knows exactly what she is doing. I feel as if she has this massive master plan in her head and everyone reacting how they are just fuels her fire. I agree with the public that she is extremely vulgar, but in a sense it is refreshing. When was the last time that an artist made extreme inappropriate sexual gestures, on stage, for the fans

As I stated above, the tour is a hot mess. Miley enters at the beginning of each show from a giant tongue sliding board. The first thing fans see is a huge cutout of Miley, winking, and as the mouth opens up a giant tongue slides out. From that point, Miley descends down the slide and starts the concert. After her en-

trance, the first song is "SMS (Bangerz)" which is performed with Britney Spears, on the album. She performs the song in a provocative red leotard, which is just the tip of the iceberg when it comes to her costumes on tour. Alongside her on stage is "the cast of furry friends and cartoon characters dancing merrily on stage" aka dancing teddy bears. The costumes range from bodysuits to booty shorts. The stylists and costume designers Simone Harouche and Lisa Katnic created the tour's look and feel. "The Sonny & Cher Comedy Hour" served as the basis of all her costumes.

I love bright and outrageous outfits, and I think Miley's costumes are great attention grabbers. They may be a little too revealing for some, but for others, they are exciting and keep us wanting more. Simone Harouche, the stylist who dressed Miley, reached out to many different edgy designers, such as Roberto Cavalli, The Blonds, Marc Jacobs, Jeremy Scott and Kenzo. Along with finding the perfect outfits for Miley, dressing the star's backup dancers was also a feat. Lisa Katnic was in charge of fitting "Amazon Ashley," who stands at 6-foot-7-inches, and "Little Britney," who is 4

Going back to Miley having a master plan inside of that head of hers, I think the fact that both of her main backup dancers are different heights speaks for itself. Onstage, Miley usually stands between "Amazon Ashley" and "Little Britney," and when you look at the three together, you see three completely different body types. It shows the world that not one size fits all and everyone is beautiful in their own skin whether you are 4', 5', or 6'7."

Everyone is entitled to his or her own opinion and I know that many people hate what Miley is doing, but from my point of view she is just a 21-year-old who wants to have fun. She does not want the world to view her as Hannah Montana and she is doing everything in her power to make sure that they do not.

I think Miley is great in the sense that she is providing hardcore pop entertainment. She obviously does not take being a pop star that seriously and that seems to be working for her.

'300: Rise of an Empire' falls well below viewer expectations



The 2006 film "300" was potentially the worst historical re-telling to ever force its way onto our cinematic stages. That is, it was until its sequel crashed around us just this month. At least in the original film, the super-imposition chroma key technique that made it look so much more like the comic booksorry, graphic novel—it was based on, gave it a unique and interesting edge. But seeing it in "Rise of an Empire" is just so

The whole film just seems to be trying too hard to be or seem as epic as the comic probably made it. Each and every scene involves long, strong and motivating or argumentative speeches, high-speed and over-dramatized fight scenes or extreme close-ups of those oh-so-interesting angry and determined facial expressions. The result is that every scene is practically the same and the film gets old very, very quickly.

I can only hope that there is no one out there who is duped by this movie into thinking that the ancient Greeks and Persians were actually like this, or that the actual battle that was fought in the ancient world was in any way similar to how it was portrayed by director Noam Murro. I promise you it was not.

I expected the film to be warfocused-after all, its predecessor certainly was. However, there was a noticeable lack of both further action and storylines, and general character development. It was literally all just an emphasis on how masculine the men were and how horrifically sexualized the only two women

The only real backstory we are given to any of the characters is that of Artemisia, played by Eva Green, and this serves only to ensure that everyone watching realizes just how much of a sexist pig the director, and original author, might I add, is. Of the two women in the film, she not only gets about 10 fold more airtime than Queen Gorgo, played by Lena Headey, but she also makes the strongest and most disgusting impression.

For the future reference of all readers and for anyone who attempts to sit through this movie after reading this, women do not have to have been physically abused by men in order to be strong, nor are all strong women crazy psychopaths looking for sex and death-just so you know. Also, just because a director thoughtfully decides to depict his heroines as such morbid and vengeful creatures, rather than the typical damsel-indistress, it does not constitute a stand for feminism.

Similarly I have to wonder at the portrayal of men in this film. As much as the women are beasts of savagery, vengeance and debauchery, the men become scantily clad vehicles with the

knowledge only of how to kill a man and 'possess' a woman. This film has truly reached the pinnacle in recreating all medieval archetypes of both femininity and masculinity.

Women, as always, are soulless witches, destined for nothing but self destruction, and man's only roles are to put her back in her place while killing anyone who looks at him askance. Oh what a world we live in, and no, it is not an excuse to use the setting of an ancient world to create these im-

The original "300" was also noticeably stronger in its script than its shiny new, try-to-be "Gladiator" sequel. Not one line in "300: Rise of an Empire" stood on its own as memorable or quotable and it is clear to me that this film will not be followed by a storm of raging drunks in togas screaming, 'This is SPARTA!' 'Aroooh! Aroooh! Arooh!' through the streets of Leeds (true story).

Instead, I see this film as sinking into the muddy swamps of sequels quickly forgotten along with "Grease 2" the and thousand-and-first "Fast and Furious" film.

If it has not been clear throughout this article, my final verdict of the new movie "300: Rise of an Empire" is never ever go to see it, unless you enjoy watching the same action scenes replayed over and over continuously for almost two hours. I commend you for your sturdiness of spirit and your undivided appreciation for the exaggerated mundane, if that is

Oh, and if you like waxy, shiny and buffed to perfection halfnaked men, then definitely catch at least 15 minutes of it-I can promise you at least half a dozen full-screen shots.

The same can be said for those of you whose preferences lie in watching bouncing breasts, although you only need to see the first five minutes for those. If that is all you are interested in though, save yourself the trouble of watching the rest of the film-it really is not worth

Discovering the proz and conz of following a strictly Sheetz diet

By Dylan J. Stroman

I. A beacon of diversity

In terms of its vast array of services, Sheetz offers flavorful Made-To-Order food, discounted gasoline, plenty of coffee and the lowest-priced cigarettes allowed by law. What more could a modernday, American consumer ask for? They're practically selling love!

II. A customer-centric culture: Sheetz ranks among Fortune's **Top 100**

Sheetz provides nearly 14,000 jobs and has experienced steady job growth over the past several years. One of the largest private companies in the nation, Sheetz recently ranked 87 on Fortune's 100 Best Companies to Work For. According to Fortune, "What makes it so great? Olympic-style sandwichbuilding competitions."

Last year the company boasted an annual revenue of over \$6.1 billion at 446 locations along the East Coast. While many Juniata seniors

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CAmerica's 58th largest private company with 14,000 employees Ranked 87 on Fortune's "100 Best Companies to work for" in 2014 \$6.1 billion annual revenue in

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tremble with fear regarding the difficulties of finding a job in the real world, they mustn't look any further: an assistant manager at Sheetz earns an average salary of up to \$38,196.

III. Competitive pricing and the Sheetz reward card

In today's world, most franchises offer rewards or discounts in exchange for becoming a member,

catch stipulating that a customer either provides numerous personal details or pays a membership fee. However, Sheetz reward cards are tendered without any such inquiry, granting customers immediate discounts on gasoline, Made-To-Order foods and an assortment of other products.

Certain items on Sheetz's menu

are made remarkably affordable due to their competitive pricing strategy. In particular, Sheetz offers two Made-To-Order hot dogs for 99 cents. For another 99 cents, one can procure two hearty apples or

While some of the more luxurious options on the Sheetz menu tend to be a bit pricier, the fact that such a meal can be acquired for just over \$2 after taxes provides a great deal of solace for soon-to-be unemployed college seniors. With the help of businesses like Sheetz, busking can actually provide an individual with a sustainable means of survival nowadays.

IV. 14th St. branch: a deviation from the 24-7 model

While the average Sheetz location has been operational 24-hours a day since the mid-'70s, the intown Huntingdon branch, located at the intersection of 14th St. and Moore, is an outlier in its 11:55 p.m. closing time.

However, Sheetz is not to blame for this discrepancy; it exists due to a Huntingdon Borough zoning ordinance dictating that "conditional uses involving commercial enterprises or facilities of any type shall be limited to hours of operation from 6:00 a.m. to 12:00 midnight." V. Half happiness, half shame: Coping with 'The Sheetz Shiitz'

My stomach is churning; as I type, I can feel the infamous Sheetz Shiitz compounding within me faster than a sheetah...

Could it be the Herculean 14 bucket of fries that I lodged into my face this afternoon, weighing in at a whopping 1,222 calories (+146 extra calories for the nacho cheese sauce)? Or perhaps its the 6.3 oz. Cheddar Pretzel I had as an appetizer, tipping the scales at a respectable 511 calories?

On one hand, these two items alone put me at approximately a 5 oz. side of coleslaw away from the recommended 2,000 calories that I should be ingesting daily. However, I'm guessing that this formidable combination of sodium and carbs is not necessarily what the health experts had in mind when setting that benchmark.

Disclaimer: As an individual who eats 'dinner' at Sheetz up to 5 times per week, I had to carefully swallow my bias along with my inimitably delicious Sheetz fries.

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The Big Dance: Fans reach for Buffett's billion dollars

OPINION

By SAM GARY

The most wonderful time of the year is upon us! Many of you may be saying "Are you kidding? Mother Nature can't make up her mind as to whether or not it's winter or spring, and Christmas was the more than three months ago. How the heck is it the best time of the year?"

Turn on your TV and within a few clicks of your remote, you will surely stumble upon a college basketball game. But not just any college basketball game. You are watching the NCAA Division I Tournament. The Big Dance. The Road to the Final Four. You are watching March Madness.

That's right, the brackets have been set, and if you are one of the 11 million participants of ESPN's "Tournament Challenge," you have already incorrectly chosen the winners of all 63 games, and Warren Buffett keeps his one billion dollars that he promises to the winner of his "Perfect Bracket Challenge."

But that's why they call it March Madness. It is the single most unpredictable tournament in all of sports. Don't believe me? According to 1500espn. com, the odds of choosing a perfect bracket (assuming that each game is 50-50 in terms of the winner) is 1 in 9.2 quintillion. That is 9.2 followed by 18 zeroes.

According to thoughtcatalog. com, you have a better chance of: dying from a flesh eating bacteria (1 in one million), becoming the president of the United States (1 in 10 million), a vending machine falling on top of you and killing you (1 in 112 million), winning the Mega-Millions jackpot (1 in 258 million), and having your house get hit by a meteor (1 in over 182 trillion).

The tournament consists of 68 teams, four of which compete in two play-in games. Since the "64" team bracket began in 1985, no 16 seed has ever defeated a number one seed. Therefore, the odds of predicting the winner of these one vs. 16 seed games is nearly 100 percent. Alas, you now have a greater chance of predicting a perfect bracket since the 1 in 9.2 quintillion odds were based on a 50-50 proposition.

According to 1500espn.com, the odds of choosing a perfect bracket when taking into account team seeding is 1 in 128 billion. Still, according to thoughtcatalog.com, you have better chances of: being born with an extra finger (1 in 500), drowning in the bathtub (1 in 840,000), being attacked by a shark (1 in 11.5 million), and giving birth to identical quadruplets (1 in 13 million). Sorry, ladies.

Why, then, do millions of Americans fill out brackets each year and think that they will have the perfect bracket, or the winning bracket at the least? The answer is simple. It is the most wonderful time of the year. March Madness is the only time when people spend an extreme amount of time and effort trying to accomplish something that is nearly impossible: getting the perfect bracket.

While the struggle for the perfect bracket marches on, it is true that many who fill out brackets do so for fun, which is another reason why March Madness is the best time of the year. There is no other competition in which bragging rights mean more than the competition between those striving for the best bracket. After all, bracket pools that include exchange of money, even friendly ones, are considered illegal. And none of you would dare participate in such activity, right?

Additionally, each year diehard fans root for their favorite teams, hollering at the TV and pulling their hair out as if they are the coach trying to will their team to victory. March Madness brings the craziness out of nearly every fan who cares about their favorite team's tournament success.

Odds are if you see me walking across campus, you will notice that I am styling some sort of Duke University attire or memorabilia. Thus, I am a diehard Duke fan. I find myself cheering for the Duke Blue Devils each year during The Big Dance, and when their journey to the national championship ends before they cut down the nets, I am quite the bitter person.

But, when Duke won the national championship in 2010, few people were happier in the world than I. Any fan who witnesses their team win a national championship knows the euphoria that ensues. There are few things in the world that are cause for greater jubilation than watching your favorite team win

However, only one team reigns supreme when the tournament ends, leaving more fans without that ecstatic feeling of watching their team become champions. Still, every fan is treated to a plethora of tremendous basketball games, most of which were spent with friends who cheered by your side or rubbed it in when your team lost.

Regardless, fans reflect on their March Madness experiences with smiles. Months after the madness, the same people who crumbled up their brackets and threw them in the trash after Cinderella teams like VCU, Wichita State or Davidson upset several powerhouse favorites, reflect on the tournament with "Do you remember when..." or "I couldn't believe when _ that game-winner!"

The thing about March Madness is that the memories outlast the short term disgruntlement when you inevitably fail to select the perfect bracket or when your favorite team gets knocked out of the tournament. It is not like Christmas, or most other popular holidays for it is absent of any higher purpose or belief.

March Madness is its own "holiday," one made from the concept that each year you can do the unthinkable. And when that fails, your favorite team can still bring home the glory by winning the national championship. And still, when that fails, you have something greater: memories. Either way, March Madness makes everyone a winner.

NCAA athletes submit blank brackets

EDITORIAL

If you want to compete in college, not only do you need to meet and maintain some predetermined academic standard, but you must be an amateur. The amateurism prohibitions include, but are not limited to: contacts with professional teams, prize money above necessary expenses, playing with professionals, and agreements to be represented by

If you manage to meet all of these standards, there's still more. The institution you have selected as a student-athlete has already certified their compliance with NCAA rules, and so have the staff members of the athletic department. You get to sign the student-athlete statement, the drug testing consent form, the affirmation of eligibility, and the HIPAA, Buckley Amendment Consent waiver form.

You also get a banned drug educational - which is not a complete list - that states "it is your responsibility to check with the appropriate or designated athletics staff before using any substance."

The NCAA gives all athletes strict rules and regulations. The summary of these regulations for Division III athletes is 12 pages long. And that is just a summary. However, on this extensive list is the policy on sports wagering.

So imagine you are one of the 212 possible residents of East Houses. Luckily for you, the East Res Life staff set up an NCAA

Basketball March Madness bracket through ESPN.com. The top three scoring brackets will win Sheetz gift cards. So, of course you want to fill out a bracket for March Madness. It seems like everyone does it, so why can't you? Because you just so happen to be one of Juniata's student athletes.

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Sports should be appreciated for the benefits of participating or watching, not the amount of money that can be won or lost depending on the outcome of the games.

But wait. Division III athletes can't receive athletic scholarships. Even though you may be the leading scorer on the soccer team or the fastest runner on the track, your acceptance to Juniata was based on academic merit. Since we're not here just based on athletics, shouldn't we be allowed to have small pools? We're not even eligible to play in the March Madness tournament.

The answer: a very strong no. No matter how small the possibility is, your team has a chance

of making it into some NCAA tournament. Under the NCAA policy, it is prohibited for any student-athletes, athletic department, conference office, or any NCAA national office employee to wager on intercollegiate, amateur, or professional sports that the Association is in charge of.

As an NCAA Division III athlete, participating in sports wagering still jeopardizes your eligibility. The policy states that "sports should be appreciated for the benefits of participating or watching, not the amount of money that can be won or lost depending on the outcome of the games."

The NCAA site states that sports wagering can be a serious crime. Can. Not is. So that means that student-athletes can wager on sports legally? Wrong. The NCAA opposes ALL forms of legal and illegal sports wagering on college sports. So that is a no-go on trying to guess the million dollar bracket either.

There are over 300 studentathletes at Juniata College, some of whom have still filled out brackets just for the bragging rights. After all, knowing that you can better predict the winner of the NCAA tournament is pretty wicked.

However, as an athlete, I know our coaches advise us not to put ourselves and our athletic careers at risk by gambling on brackets, even just among friends. But since pools like this are technically illegal in Pennsylvania, no one would dare... Or would they?

Juniata hosts invitational



Freshman Katelyn Fisher clears the bar in high jump, tying for first at the meet.

By DYLAN J. STROMAN

Juniata track and field team held

taken home by Juniata at the be watching," said Herr. meet, junior Tyler Mandley finished the 400 meter hurdles for the track team derives from with a record-breaking time of their coaches' encouragement. 57.22 seconds, earning him a "Coach (Cutright) always holds spot on Juniata's top 5 hurdlers for the event. Junior R.J. Bog- what we've already achieved," dan took home the 800 meter run for the team, while junior meets) Cutright shouts loudly Matt Guetzlaff won the 1,500 meter race.

According to junior Kylie Berrena, who throws javelin and discus for the track team, having a home-field advantage played a role in the team's success. "From knowing the track and knowing which way the wind usually blows with the javelin, I think Berrena, who broke her personal record in javelin with a throw of 114 feet.

Junior Justin Herr also claimed so far this season.

that the home-field advantage was beneficial to the team's over-On Saturday, March 22, the all motivation. "I think a lot of people usually fare a little bit its only home meet of the season. better at the home meet just be-Among the many victories cause they know that people will

Another prime motivator us to higher standards than said Bogdan. "(During the - you're not always sure what he shouts, but you know to go faster!"

Berrena echoed these sentiments regarding Cutright's motivation techniques. "Coach has very high standards and expectations, which I appreciate because I set the same standards for myself," she said. "You know you you key in on what's to your stand really well when you get advantage and what's not," said the fist pound - I received it this weekend!"

Members of the track team have broken 16 personal records

Softball starts slow, focuses on quality at bats to pick up speed

By SAM GARY

Juniata softball traveled to Florida over Spring Break to take a swing at some of the best teams in Division III at the Dot Richardson Spring Games. The team played a total of 10 games and finished with a 2-8 record.

On paper, one may think that Juniata had a poor showing, having won only two games while giving up nearly six earned runs per game and allowing opponents to bat a whopping .364. However, sophomore pitcher and first baseman Aly Smith looks at the team's stint in Florida as an opportunity to improve and grow as a team.

"Over Spring Break, we saw what we needed to work on, so now in practice, we are working on the small stuff to improve our game," said A. Smith.

Head Coach Samantha Kszepka also believes the team was able to take several positives from the trip. "We chose to go to Florida to make us a better team for conference play. The team definitely learned over spring break that we can hang with the big teams. We have to continue ... being a one pitch warrior, focusing one pitch at a time," said Kszepka.

Last year, Juniata finished 3rd at the Landmark Conference Tournament. This year, the team is the underdog in the Landmark Conference after being ranked 6th out of seven teams in the preseason poll. "It's very annoying and it makes me mad. It's a slap in the face because last year

we did so well and proved ourselves, but now it's like we have to prove ourselves again," said A. Smith.

Although Juniata did not receive much preseason respect in the polls, senior utility player Rachel Smith sees their low ranking as added motivation to get to the top. "Coming off of last season, we entered the conference tournament 3rd and then getting ranked 6th is a knock down. I think the team will work harder to prove that we deserve to be in the top 2 or 3," said R. Smith.

One of the biggest obstacles that the team faces this year is lack of players. Only 12 girls make up the roster, leaving little room for error or injury. Kszepka also acknowledges that players are not able to focus on one position.

"(The players) aren't really able to get into a set position because we have people moving constantly from game to game. They aren't going to get as comfortable playing one position as quickly, but ... they are getting more experience. Now it's about how we transfer that into being comfortable on the field with people constantly moving in and out," said Kszepka.

The team is not allowing the lack of players to affect them. "Our theme this year is 'it takes more than talent.' It's no longer about having talent. It's about working towards other positions and being flexible and willing to step up when needed. You have to come in and work to get bet-



Sophomore Holly Bettinger pitches during the doubleheader against Elizabethtown on Sunday, March 23. The Eagles are back in action at home on March 27.

ter at different spots to make the team better," said R. Smith.

In order to play more efficiently with such few players, Kszepka has stressed quality at bats over batting average. "Three out of ten is a good average, but it doesn't necessarily mean you're a smart hitter. The transition that we made this year is using quality at bats, where you get a point for hitting line drives at the short stop or making a fielder make a diving play because you're moving the runners and helping the team more than your personal average," said Kszepka.

Kszepka is also using a similar concept on defense. "We focus

on quality innings, meaning 13 pitches or less per inning. We're trying to stay clean in the field and not give them five outs and help our pitchers out that way. Since we are a small team, our pitchers have to play other positions, so they are going to get tired faster. Defensively, we have to step up and lessen the errors, and that way we can take our pitchers out," said Kszepka.

"We are working on taking a deep breath before each pitch and throwing the pitch in your mind before we actually throw it and trying to get the 1st pitch strike to give you the advantage. Then you can play the game the way you want," said R. Smith.

Quality at bats and pitches will be important in order for the team to start off conference play better than it has started the season. According to Kosicki, in order to contend for the Landmark Championship, the team must, "back each other up. It can't just be one person," said freshman third baseman Lindsey Kosicki.

After splitting a doubleheader vs. Mount Aloysius, Juniata dropped a both games against Elizabethtown Sunday, March 23. The Eagles are 3-13 going into the doubleheader against St. Vincent.

Could new sports teams lead to higher enrollment at Juniata?

OPINION

By SCOTT ANDREWS

With spring break behind us, the end of the semester and school year are quickly approaching. Seniors will soon graduate and the incoming freshman class will be finalized. A question that always comes up around this time of year is: how can we boost admissions for the incoming freshman class? My solution is to add more sports teams, which will not only help enrollment but also provide more tuition money for the school to use.

Before I get into what sports teams I think Juniata should add, I want to provide some data about our school to digest. The target freshmen class size for next year was originally 432 students, but is likely to decrease slightly over the next couple weeks as the matriculation fees come in and the application process closes.

According to the Arch, Juniata currently has 419 seniors, 364 juniors, 364 sophomores and 296 freshmen, for a total student body of 1443. However, it is worth noting that these amounts are somewhat skewed with a number of true freshman transferring credits in from high school, bumping them up to

sophomore standing. The total enrollment goal lies right around 1,600. 45 percent of students are male and the other 55 percent are female, with a trend increasingly female.

Juniata currently has 17 intercollegiate athletics teams. Of the 17 teams, eight are for males and nine are for females. The men's teams include baseball, basketball, cross-country, football, soccer, tennis, track and field, and volleyball, with approximately 234 total males. The women's teams include basketball, crosscountry, field hockey, soccer, softball, swimming, tennis, track and field, and volleyball, with roughly 145 total females, for an aggregate of 379 student athletes, or 26.3 percent of the whole student body.

The sports I suggest Juniata consider adding are women's diving, men and women's golf, and men and women's lacrosse. Obviously the school cannot just pull five new sports teams out of the air, but over the course of the next few years they should begin to implement them one by one.

Part of the reason why I chose diving, golf and lacrosse is that they are relatively low cost sports. The school would only need to hire a new coach and add a new diving board for women's diving to become a reality. Aside from

paying for course time, golf has very few other associated costs that the school would have to cover, and course time can usually be booked at a fraction of the normal cost to play. The lacrosse teams would only need a minor amount of gear – uniforms, helmets and gloves – before being able to compete.

Another reason why these sports are a good fit for Juniata is that they target growing metropolitan areas of recruitment that Juniata has struggled with - suburban areas around Washington D.C., New York City and Baltimore, which happen to be popular areas for the sports. Attracting students from these well-to-do areas will help to financially lower the school's tuition discount rate, as more of these students can pay a greater share of tuition, benefitting Juniata in the short and long run.

The average discount rate this year for students was 53 percent, or paying 47 percent of tuition, percentages that have kept Juniata very competitive with other similar schools. But the lack of certain sports that other schools in our conference have functions as a recruiting handicap, with potential students leaving Juniata off their list because it doesn't have the sport they play.

Six of the seven other schools in the Landmark Conference

have men and women's lacrosse, and three of the seven have women's diving. While golf is not a sport in the Landmark, Moravian and Scranton have men's golf teams and Susquehanna has both men and women's golf. Their women's team plays in the Centennial Conference, which has both men and women's golf. The football team already plays in the Centennial and the conference has many of Juniata's biggest admissions competitors including Gettysburg, Dickinson, Franklin & Marshall and Johns Hopkins.

When Juniata does decide to add a new team, they will need to keep Title IX in mind. According to Juniata's website, Title IX governs "the overall equity of treatment and opportunity in athletics while giving schools the flexibility to choose sports based on student body interest, geographic influence, budget restraints, and gender ratio. [In other words, it is not a matter of women being able to participate in football or that exactly the same amount of money is spent per women's and men's basketball player. Instead, the focus is on the necessity for women to have equal opportunities as men on a whole, not on an individual basis."

Under Title IX, there are three areas of compliance: substantial portionality - satisfied when participation opportunities for men and women are substantially proportionate to the institution's undergraduate enrollment; history and continuing practice - satisfied when an institution has a history and continuing practice of program expansion that is responsive to the developing interests and abilities of the underrepresented sex; effectively accommodating interests and abilities - satisfied when an institution is meeting the interest and abilities of its underrepresented sex.

I do not want to get into too much detail discussing Title IX, but know that Juniata has done a commendable job in its efforts to remain compliant. Take for example the new turf field. Football, a men's sport, and field hockey, a women's sport, both use the field equally, and with the addition of stadium lighting in the near future more teams will be able to equally benefit from the turf.

We know that men's teams make up 47.1 percent of all teams on campus, while women's the remaining 52.9 percent, which is close to the school's gender ratio. I would add a women's team first to more accurately reflect the gender ratio, especially with female enrollment on the rise. Juniata can figure the rest out.

Spring Break: A Nude Beach Spectaculaire

It took well over an hour to work up the courage just to cross the fence boundary. The fence only stood about four feet tall and did nothing to distort the nude bodies of the sun-leathered beach goers. Nonetheless, the boundary was intimidating, but I knew that I had to conquer my fear.

The next thing I knew, I was donning my brown cowboy hat, puffing my chest out, throwing my chin up and pulling my trunks down. Dropping trou openly in public for the first time is a lot like trying a drug for the first time. Your heart rate is jacked and reality seems to have taken a seat in the back of the bus. The first thing I noticed was the lack of notice the other nude beach goers gave me. The second thing I realized was the art of the peripheral. Literally hundreds of hungry, middle-aged and perfectly waxed men sat alone and observed my manhood as subjectively as one would browse the cold cut section at the deli. A handful of men fell into the "strutter" category and continuously paced the same section of beach showing off. These men reminded me of gobblers during the spring turkey season.

As I was exploring my freedom in the pleasant ocean water, I noticed a man running into the ocean headed straight for me. This was when I was introduced to Pat. Pat complimented my male physique, critiqued my choice of bodily hair and told me frankly that I could "make a lot of money if I was into the gay scene." I politely informed him that I was not into the scene, but he still thought that he should give me something of a parting gift in case I wanted to try out my dance moves at the local bar "Swinging Richards." He bought them yesterday, wore them once and peeled off his white speedo with a gold star emphasizing the crotch and handed them to me. I wore them the rest of the day.

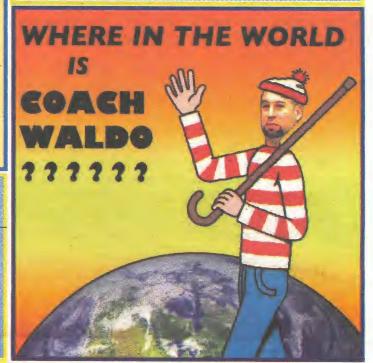
I learned a lot about people and myself from my experience on the nude beach. After hundreds of people "size" you up as your good friend gallops next to you riding high on his dark colored stallion, body image no longer seems to matter. To lighten the mood of the situation within my mind, I ensnared a few seagull feathers within my plumage. Once I left the beach I could walk an inch taller knowing that I cannot change my own bodily image and that I should embrace myself and others for who we are. No longer will I be embarrassed if someone were to spot my family jewels by accident. The human body is something that should be embraced and never judged. My only advice to those who decide to brave the nude beaches of the world... bring sunblock!

Bizarre bits of bathroom knowledge

- 1. "The joke is in your hand."
- 2. "If voting could really change things, it'd be illegal."
- 3. "Fighting for peace is like screwing for virginity."
- 4. "Insert baby for refund."
- 5. "Express Lane: Five beers or less"
- 6. "Hands must wash employees."

Doug Smith vs. Chuck Norris

- 1. Chuck Norris can make a slinky go upstairs. Coach Smith can make stairs turn your legs into slinkies.
- 2. Chuck Norris can delete the Recycling Bin. Coach Smith can overplay Lynyrd Skynyrds Simple Man.
- 3. Chuck Norris tells Simon what to do. Coach Smith tells Simon how to breathe properly while he does it.
- 4. Chuck Norris puts the "laughter" in "manslaughter". Coach Smith put the "Smith" in "Smithereens".
- 5. When the Boogeyman goes to sleep every night, he checks his closet for Chuck Norris. When Chuck Norris goes to sleep, he checks his closet for Coach Smith.
- 6. Chuck Norris can sneeze with his eyes open and lick his elbow. At the same time. Coach Smith can do this while doing a military press



JC COCKFIGHTING EXTRAVAGANZA

Brand new RSO presents unique opportunity for barnyard competition

Where: Attic of Good Hall

When: Friday nights at 7:00 p.m.

Who: Ask for Mikey at the door. (You ask for Mikey 'cause there is no Mikey!)

All proceeds to benefit P.E.T.A.

May be used as a cultural event for CWS!

** \$20.00 minimum buy-in **

Thumbs up, thumbs down



Thumbs up to Professor Braxton for introducing transhumanism to campus. No need to quit smoking, I'll just buy a new pair of lungs!



Thumbs down to the recently installed surveillance cameras in Ellis. Never again will the lunch line "burn scratch" go unnoticed by Big Brother.



Thumbs up to the newly approved outdoor classroom for liberating Juniata's butt-percussionists. Saved by the breeze!

Dating

CLASSY CLASSIFIEDS

PERSONAL AD

Legal U.S. citizen marriage partner. Need to find spouse to become legal citizen. Well Paid. Must be willing. Contact Kreepy Karl @ Jannahhunter@gmail.com

WANTED v to release str

Body to release stress on. Cash paid. Last 30 seconds in the cage with me. Contact Thad Bonecrusher @ 555-505-1204.

RECRUITMENT

Obedient children wanted to join local religious organization. Meetings held behind the "God Created and Evolution Denial" signs in the corn field.

NOW HIRING

Local Bum Counter Employment. Borough

Employment. Borough is looking for qualified candidates to fulfill position of census worker tallying and toe-tagging the local homeless. Tetanus vaccine required. Drop all applications at the 5th St. Food Bank.

NOW HIRING

Juniata Marketing Models
Looking for three-to-four
respectable-looking students with professional
academic stories to pose as
actual friends for parents
visiting campus for the first
time.

*Must be an accomplished student athlete or consecutive Dean's list achiever. Response to Buffett lyrics: "Yes, I like Pina Coladas, and getting caught in the rain.

I was deep into O'Chem, death is far more humane. I've got to meet you by tomorrow, and learn from you to be tough.

At a bar after hours, where we'll touch and do stuff."



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Constitution passes with 60-1 vote New provost announced

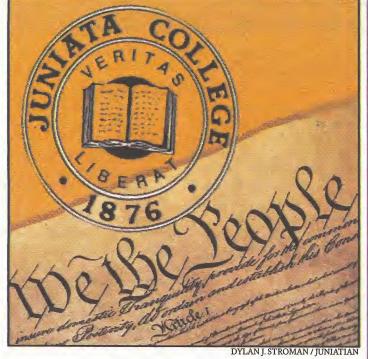
By Dylan J. Stroman

On Wednesday, April 23 the revised Student Government Constitution passed at a vote of 60-1.

At the conclusion of its April 14 meeting, the student senate approved the new version of the constitution. The revisions were not made official until the Executive Committee formally presented them to the student body for approval.

Executive Board President and senior Anshu Chawla expressed satisfaction regarding the final decision. "I'm ecstatic that it went through," said Chawla. "The only worry is the amount of people (61 total votes); Student Government generally has had problems with that."

The Review Committee, an ad-hoc board comprised of four senators and an Allocation Board member, undertook the task of reviewing the constitution, the bylaws and other legal documents in order to determine whether any changes were necessary.



"Throughout the year, there have been comments about transparency," said senior senator John Keeney. "This is a common word that's been used through the year: the idea that what Student Government does is of interest and importance to

the entire student body, and they should have the ability to know what's going on."

The first substantial change identified in the Executive Committee's email to all students dictated that members of the ▶ see CONSTITUTION page 4

By Kyle Santarian and Abigail Rosenberger

After a six-month search, Dr. Lauren Bowen, currently associate academic vice president for student learning initiatives and diversity at John Carroll University in Ohio, was named provost of Juniata College on April 22. She will begin serving in her new position on July 1.

Led by President James Troha and Thornbury Professor of Communication Donna Weimer, the College's Provost Search Committee brought the finalists to campus for the last step of the interview process.

Bowen was one of three finalists selected to visit campus out of 100 applicants. The first of the candidates, Dr. Rebecca Thomas, arrived on campus April 6. The second candidate, Cindy Speaker, arrived April 9, while Bowen arrived April 13.

"We had a very strong applicant pool that was very diverse across geographic location and type of institution. So, similar to Juniata, smaller than Juniata and bigger than Juniata-and with each of those representing lots of different disciplines and a range of different experiences," said interim Provost Kathy Westcott.

The fact that all three provost finalists are women may reflect the College's push for diversity among the student body, faculty and administrators.

"Juniata has made it clear through its literature as well as through its president that it wants to diversify the senior administration," said Weimer.

"I just like that she is going to be a woman this time," said sophomore Brittney Marchand.

The committee had several specific qualities in mind when considering the candidates.

"We are looking for someone who has transparent leadership, who will be an advocate for faculty and students, who will understand that hard decisions need to be made and that we are in a period of growth and change, and that there

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College explores safer, community approved options for senior Bar Crawl

By KATIE JEFFRESS

As graduation approaches, so does Bar Crawl, the tradition in which seniors dedicate an afternoon to venturing among Huntingdon's local drinking establishments. This year, due to pressure from Public Safety and the Office of Student Activities, senior planners are looking for ways to make the event safer and less harmful to the College's reputation.

"In a meeting that I had with Public Safety and OSA they brought up the Bar Crawl because I am on the senior leadership committee, which is partially in charge of planning the senior week activities," said senior Elise Mihranian. "Because of the reflection that the Bar Crawl has on the community and the way that the community perceives Juniata students during the event, they suggested that we explore other options."

"Cancelling the event or doing something else was the initial thought, or at least they thought that was my suggestion, but really the question was, 'How can we improve it and make



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Boxer's Bar is one of many stops on the Senior Bar Crawl, a traditional Senior Week activity. Concerns over student interaction with the community have led Public Safety and the Office of Student Activities to consider alternative, safer options. it a safer event for everyone?" students being loud and drunk said Jesse Leonard, director of

Public Safety. The Bar Crawl, although a fun opportunity for seniors to bond and say goodbye, often generates negative feedback

from the community. "We do get complaints from the community. Some years are better than others, and it just depends," said Leonard. "We receive complaints of noise, students cutting through people's yards, things like that.

Imagine groups of college

when you're sitting down at a family dinner, or cutting through your backyard or stealing your kid's bike to ride it a couple blocks."

Senior Alex Manwiller attended the Bar Crawl last year and plans on attending again this year. "I can see how the Bar Crawl has the potential to affect our community relationship, but from my experience last year, that wasn't the case," said Manwiller. "The people I was with were

well behaved, and we still had a great time."

"Generally, more often than not, our kids are pretty considerate," said Dean of Students Kris Clarkson. "But, if somebody stops and pees in a yard, or somebody is throwing up into somebody's yard, that's pretty rude, isn't it? I wouldn't blame people for complaining about that."

In order to cut down on the negative image that the Bar Crawl may generate, seniors are striving to find ways to improve

the event.

"Instead of working against each other, we've been working with each other to see how this event is going to happen," said Senior Class President Daniel Gray. "If we don't plan this, it's something that seniors are going to do anyway, and it's going to be an unorganized event, which might be way more unsafe."

"Public Safety and OSA want a change, but we don't know if they're willing to put in the time and resources to make the change," said Mihranian. "It would just be the senior class's responsibility, and most of us just don't have the time for all of that."

Several alternatives were suggested, such as holding a similar event on campus or moving the bar crawl to State College, but factors such as cost and accessibility lessened the practicality of such alternatives.

"We considered a lot of other options," said Mihranian. "I think we just foresaw a lot of difficulty in the logistics of the alternatives. For the Bar

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Minority students chosen for 10 residential assistant positions

By JM DUBENSKY

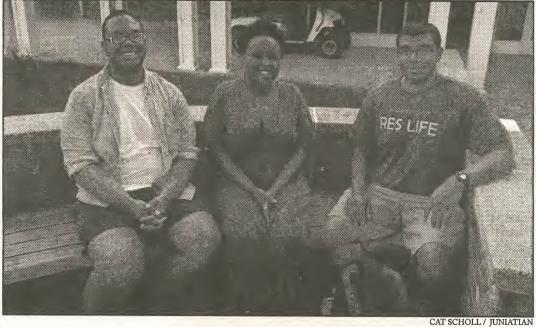
For the 2014-2015 academic year, 32 percent of Juniata College's residential assistants will be minority students as the result of an effort by the Office of Diversity and Inclusion.

The Office of Diversity and Inclusion encouraged both nonwhite and international students to apply for some of the 31 RA positions to be filled next year. After the application process was complete, Residential Life hired 10 students who are either international or ALA-NA (African, Latino, Asian and Native American).

"I spoke to the Office of Diversity and Inclusion back in the fall," said Ryan Navarro, assistant director of Residential Life. "There was a concern that there wasn't enough minority and international student representation on our staff. One thing that was suggested was promoting it through their office, and I said that would be a great idea. So I think they put up fliers and different things through their department."

"We've done really well at recruiting both ALANA and international students over the past 10 years," said Rosalie Rodriguez, special assistant to the president for diversity and inclusion. "We've had a huge push across campus to make sure that we're doing all that we can to have a qualified applicant pool that is diverse and reflective of the students that we have here, and in my mind that shouldn't be any different for our paraprofessional staff, like the residence assistants."

"I definitely feel it's worth it," said sophomore Kelvin Abrashoff, who is an RA. "I feel like there's certain situations that I feel I can't handle as an RA be-



Senior Anwar Moledina (right), who has been an RA for three years, encouraged more minority students to apply for the position. Sophomore Mori Hitchcock and freshman Stephanie Njeru will serve as RAs for the upcoming school year.

cause I'm not familiar with different cultures, or if they can't speak well enough English to understand the rules or something like that."

According to Rodriguez, senior Anwar Moledina took the initiative in encouraging international and ALANA students to apply to be RAs. Moledina himself is an RA, and also works as a minority peer mentor for the Office of Diversity and Inclusion.

"I just kind of made sure that people knew that these positions were not only available, but that they were qualified to apply for them," said Moledina. "We went to the African American Student Association, it was brought up at AWOL, and so within students from underrepresented ties, there was a significant push to have a higher number of applicants."

"I think a lot of students of color sought Anwar out to discuss diversity issues or cultural issues that came up in the residence hall because they felt like he would understand," said Rodriguez. "Not that the rest of the RAs shouldn't be able to - they absolutely should, and I do training with all of the Residential Life staff to get them to be aware of some of these cultural conflicts that can come up."

All RA applicants, whether white, international or ALANA, went through the same application process. According to Moledina, it was difficult to make some ALANA and international students understand that they could be successful RAs.

"Convincing people that they have the credentials or life experience necessary to be successful doing anything can be kind of challenging," said Moledina. "A lot of students didn't think they could do it. There was a very lengthy process just in terms of making them feel that they were qualified enough, because they definitely are. Because Res Life wasn't as diverse before, visibly, it's kind of daunting thinking that you will be able to work for

this organization."

Navarro said that, while Residential Life has hired more minorities, they are looking to further increase diversity in their organization.

"We've made great strides in getting where we want to be with diversity," said Navarro. "You can always improve with that, and I think our location makes it a little more difficult. If you're coming from a bigger city to Huntingdon, it's a big change and a big adjustment. But looking from where we've come, we've made big improvements."

"I think that Residential Life as an organization should always be representative of the students that they care for," said Moledina. "The fact that Res Life is making the necessary changes to grow in response to the increase in diversity is representative of their open-mindedness and a great first step toward diversification of a variety of places on campus."

Rodriguez says that the

ALANA population on campus has grown in recent years; this year's freshman class has an ALANA population of 22 percent, which brings the overall current ALANA population across campus to 11 percent. The ALANA population comprises only 4.3 percent of administrators, 0.8 percent of staff and 6.0 percent of faculty, which, according to Rodriguez, puts Juniata very far behind national statistics.

"I feel like the student ratio is pretty diverse," said Abrashoff. "The increased diversity shows that Juniata is willing to work with people; they're willing to take problems that other students have and help them out more often. But with the staff I feel like other than professors, it's mainly whites working here at Juniata."

"There are a lot of people here from different places," said sophomore Deonte Alston. "Like China, Thailand, Pakistan, and all that, so I honestly think it's very diverse, especially when talking about social classes. But I feel like they want to make it more diverse, so they can satisfy more students as the years go by. They don't want to just be the same over and over again."

Moledina is pleased with the progress that has been made, but he hopes that the trend to hire more international and ALANA students continues not only within Residential Life, but across campus as well.

"I think it takes a lot to actively diversify a school," said Moledina. "The numbers have grown, but that needs to be met by a variety of things. Residential Life clearly has risen to that challenge this year. Our student population is much more diverse than our faculty and staff population, so this is a solid first step."

Public Safety and students work together to solve Bar Crawl issues

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Crawl, we don't have to worry about anything. We just go down there, and the bars know that we are coming.'

One more likely suggestion, however, is to provide transportation for seniors throughout the Crawl. "We're trying to work with Public Safety and the Office of Student Activities to provide transportation to the event," said Gray. "After we do our thing downtown, we will have transportation from All American Pizza either back to campus or to Johnny's Bar, so it completely takes away the opportunity to be peeing in people's yards and stuff. That's what we're working on now."

"Being that they're going to provide transportation this year, that'll help with complaints because you won't have students walking from place to place," said Leonard. "They'll be able to be dropped off, which is safer for them in the long run."

However, financing for transportation is still in question. "The senior class doesn't want

to pay for transportation, to be honest," said Mihranian. "They haven't used it in the past, and we would be doing this as a safety precaution given the suggestions that we've received from Public Safety. We're trying to protect the College's image the best that

we can, but we don't want to have to suffer the cost of that."

During Bar Crawl, which is set to begin at 2:50 p.m. on May 14, Public Safety and the borough police plan on increasing security measures.

"There will be civility patrols

that day. There will be more Public Safety officers and more borough officers on shift that day specifically for the Bar Crawl," said Leonard.

"We really don't want there to be a negative impact on the community," said Mihranian. "We can't control how everyone else in the class is going to act, but we think that we have a pretty responsible group, and we're hoping that all of our events during senior week will really only shed a positive light on our class as we get ready to leave the College."



Six-month search for provost concludes

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is new leadership on campus," said Weimer.

According to Westcott, the three candidates have extensive experience in higher education administration.

"They have all served as faculty members, so they understand the institution from a faculty perspective. In addition to that, they all have a range of administrative responsibilities that show, for me, the understanding of the institution as a whole with academics at the forefront," said Westcott.

Bowen was set apart by her experience, which includes serving as a professor as well as a range of administrative experiences as the associate academic vice president for academic programs and faculty diversity as well as her current position. She was responsible for supervising the university's honors program and center for career services and she worked closely with the president and his committees.

"Student life and student affairs is so much about academic affairs, which is the primary

role of the provost," said Wescott. "She has that experience and knowledge; we were really looking for someone who could bridge that gap and collaborate well with student affairs."

"Dr. Bowen's experience at John Carroll University is deep and rather broad, which will help her navigate the many responsibilities that come with this role," said Troha.

Although Bowen's current university is not the same size as Juniata, its purpose and goals are

"It is a school not dissimilar in many ways to Juniata, particularly as it relates to mission and it being extremely studentfocused," said Troha.

Bowen's interest in students made her stand out to many participants in the evaluation.

The College made it a priority to get students involved in the final decision. Student feedback was collected through surveys, and student groups met with the finalists while they were on campus.

"Anshu Chawla, president of student government, did a tremendous job representing students on the search committee and in the decision-making process. I know he reached out to other students as well, asking for their opinions on each candidate," said Troha. "We also had strong student participation, I thought, at the open forums where they had the opportunity to ask questions (and they did) and interact with each candidate after the forum. Finally, we did have a student-only interview sion with each candidate and that feedback was part of our evaluation process."

"She really connected well individually (by) asking who they are as individuals, not just as students," said Wescott.

The committee believes Bowen's experience and visible interest in students make her the most qualified to help lead Juniata in the coming years.

"She (Bowen) emerged as the person best prepared to lead Juniata during this important time in our history," said Troha.

"We are not hiring for the short term. We are hiring for the health and well-being of Juniata, not just for today but for the next five years, for the next ten years," said Weimer.

The life of a mid-road cedar

By DYLAN J. STROMAN

As we approached the intersection of Africa St. and Reynolds Ave., we could hear the tune of Tupac's "Changes" from beyond one of the surrounding residents' fences labelled "no trespassing."

With us came a slew of various lore and hearsay regarding the origin of the unique cedar tree situated directly in the middle of Reynolds Ave. While some urban myths speculate that it was originally a "hanging tree" of racial connotation, other rumors allege that its purpose instead had to do with driving out witchcraft.

However, according to local residents Darin Wall and David Shirk, much of what is said about this cedar tree is unsubstantiated. Wall and Shirk, who live within eyeshot of the tree, contend that Huntingdon's actual hanging tree, which was used throughout history for public executions, instead rested a stone's throw away from the Huntingdon courthouse.

According to Wall, Reynolds Avenue, where both they and the tree reside, typically does not experience frequent through-traffic. Nevertheless, curious individuals occasionally stop by to catch a glimpse of this development's unique arboreal disposition. "I've seen groups of college kids drive by and then drive away; one got out, looked and drove away," said Wall.

Upon arriving at the site, one of the most noteworthy features is that the street widens around the tree. While we typically imagine roads as being built explicitly over trees, this unique pavement-outlier is built around the tree.

Wall suggested that the tree originally had a 'cedar twin' affixed in the middle of another, similar road. However, the cedar twin ultimately fell victim to vehicular slaughter by the hands of an inattentive driver. To this day, however, its Reynolds Ave. counterpart stands erect and has more-or-less been left alone by surrounding

While some could interpret a tree in the middle of the road as an overt safety hazard warranting brisk removal, cutting the tree down would be considered a crime and result in a fine from the Borough. As Shirk pointed out, "Chopping down any tree in the Huntingdon Borough would be classified as a crime, for that mat-

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Allocation Board budget dispute resolved in favor of JAB funding

By Tyler Ayres

Monday, April 14, student senators voted to approve the Allocation Board's proposed budget for the 2014-2015 school year. As a result of the approval, JAB will be allocated an additional \$16,000.

Senior Diane Nguyen, Executive Board treasurer, said, "JAB is constitutionally allocated 42 percent of the budget and traditionally receives additional \$16,000." This brings JAB's yearly allocation to a total of \$100,000, approximately 50 percent of funds available for allocation.

This \$16,000 allocation has recently been an object of debate. Some students feel that the \$71,000 spent on Major Event this year was inappropriate. "I think (Major Event) is a waste of money," said freshman Nate Wyatt. first shot," said Tuyen. "Mostly freshmen went to it, and I think that's because of oversight. (IAB) polled at go to Lobsterfest."

Senior Andy Blunk cited the not attending Major Event. "The thing is, you could pay so much less for an Indie band and have more people attend. It's weird that they would pay so much for a one-hit wonder band that was not representative of the whole school's interests," said Blunk.

Junior Alyssa Peachey said the extra cost was a deterrent. "I didn't have the extra \$15," she said.

Voices on the other side of the argument claim that it is too soon to judge JAB's new approach to Major Event. This year was the first biennial Ma-

jor Event; JAB money had been rolled over from the previous year in order to book highcaliber performers.

Allocations Board member Stephanie Finamore said, "Good things come to those who wait. You can't judge an event by one time it happened. You have to get it a few times."

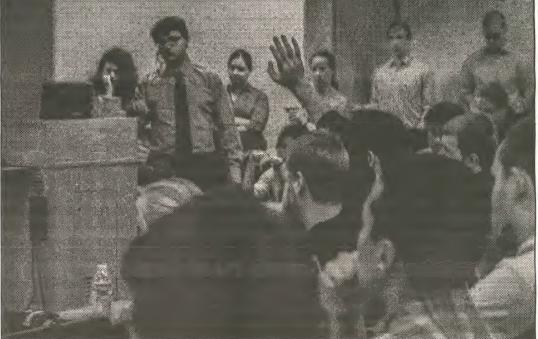
As to the success of this year's Major Event, senior Ben Krouse, vice president of marketing and membership for JAB, said, "Some of the feedback I got the night of (Major Event) was out of this world. Interest from the student body and from all over Central Pennsylvania was through the roof. We had people from Long Island."

Executive Board Secretary Thomas Tuyen agreed. "This is the first time they've done it with a budget this high. I thought it worked well for a

Freshman Zoe Oswald said, "I thought Major Event was very well-run. It was easy to get tick-Lobsterfest, and only freshmen ets-there was no reason not to go to it. It was hassle-free."

Prior to the April 14 meetchoice of artists as his reason for ing, conversation on and off the senate floor about the budget failed to reach a decision. Executive Board President Anshu Chawla said, "Senators on both sides (of the budget issue) have approached me in private and, for any reason whatsoever, they felt personally attacked ... I don't stand for that," he said. "I've seen members of student government insult and degrade each other. I also don't stand for such actions."

Chawla drafted a compromise, which was supported by Dean of Students Kris Clarkson and Student Government Advisor



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Senior class president Dan Gray (center) motions in favor of the JAB allocations. The fall 2014 budget issue caused dispute among members of the Student Government, some of whom believe JAB receives more funding than necessary.

dent-elect Kunal Atit motioned to hear the compromise, Chawla what it entailed and why he felt it would be effective.

"First off, the \$16,000 will be transferred to JAB by the end of the semester. This money has the ability to be retracted in any denomination at the will of Student Government," said Chawla.

The senate voted against Chawla's compromise 19-9. "The senate, from what I observed, said that it was a little bit too vague for them," said D'Amico.

Vice President-elect Ramsey Amad requested and was allotted five minutes to present a different sort of proposal. "I'm here tonight to convince you not to defund Major Event, but to completely end it," said Amad. Like Chawla, Amad also

support of Clarkson.

"This year, less than 25 percent distributed copies and explained of the student body attended Major Event. That is unacceptable," said Amad. "Mr. Juniata regularly brings in 700 students and their budget is far less than Major Event."

Krouse said, "JAB (and Major Event), a few years back, was nowhere near what it is now. We had 200 people two years ago. We increased the budget twofold and we get an attendance of twofold."

In response to this line of thought, Amad said, shouldn't call that progress. Progress is doing more with less. What we did this year was do more with more, and that doesn't make it a success."

"If you want to efficiently use this money and create the most amount of good for

James D'Amico. After Presi- spoke with and garnered the least amount of money, break it up into multiple events," said Amad.

At the beginning of the April 7 emergency Student Government meeting, Chawla limited participants to various board members and senators. This procedure is not the norm, and Sierra Mellish, freshman class president, said it was in response to the March 31 meeting. "I guess maybe it seemed a bit chaotic, or took up time. I guess the best way to (be heard) is to talk to their representatives in their office hours, which people don't take advantage of."

Krouse also invites members of the general student body to be forthcoming with concerns. "If (students) have questions, ask. That's what we're here for," he said. "We're a student-run club, for the students, by the students, and so is student government."

Constitutional amendments emphasize transparency

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general assembly hold the right to attend all senate meetings, Executive Committee meetings and Class Cabinet meetings. Previously, the language of the constitution only specified that students are welcome to attend the bimonthly senate meetings.

"We went through everything line-by-line, and it was not always that there was a specific problem being addressed so much as a way that we felt we could tweak things to make it a little better," said Keeney. "There was this sense that the senate needed a way to speak and act beyond what we were doing; we weren't clear on how to do that."

Another major revision to the constitution pertains to the handling of ethical violations. It explicates that such violations are to be brought before an Ethics Committee.

This revision also contains a clause specifying that an administration-approved representative will be appointed to said Ethics Committee to provide outside input from an experi-

enced perspective. The original constitution specified only that the director or assistant director of Student Activities was to be present for the meeting in this capacity.

"When it comes to the Ethics Committee, we imagine that a dean's (office) representative might be very appropriate for that kind of role," said Keeney.

According to Chawla, "(Having an administration-approved representative) keeps us in check, ensuring that senators are working toward the best interests of the students."

President-elect Kunal Atit classified this particular change as an effort to "tighten the belt of Student Government." He said, "What prompted that change is that Student Government is experiencing an advisor change ... at Dean Clarkson's suggestion, we decided to inject new blood into Student Government."

According to Keeney, the language of the constitution is composed with an "intentionally vague" style.

Chawla echoed Keeney's assessment. "Any type of document

you have has to be flexible," said Chawla.

Another major element of the new constitution includes a precedent requiring that at least 15 percent of the student body must vote in order to approve future amendments to the constitution. In the previous constitution, amendments could only gain approval so long as the vote was supported by two-thirds of the participants.

"If only five people participated in that vote, then four students could decide and approve (the changes)," explained Keeney. "We wanted slightly more participation than that to justify a constitutional change."

Atit emphasized that while the changes to the constitution were a necessary task, the document remains imperfect. "And that's a good thing," said Atit. "Juniata needs a living, breathing constitution that can be actively amended by the student body."

According to Chawla, overall, the 2014 revisions to the constitution "cleared things up while leaving (the constitution) flexible."

'Trees are what this country needs'

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ter."

Overall, Wall and Shirk seem largely apathetic to the cedar tree's existence. Regardless of whether the cedar ever was a 'hanging tree,' they contended, at this point the tree itself is hanging on by three branches and should thus be left alone.

Wall and Shirk then pointed us in the direction of Ms. Gene Hoffman, who they described as "a woman in her 70s who seems rather attuned to what's going on."

As we inquired about her knowledge of the tree's origins, Hoffman quoted influential American poet Joyce Kilmer. "I think that I shall never see a poem lovely as a tree..."

Hoffman, an exceptionally lively 92-year-old woman who lives on the corner of Reynolds and Africa St, identifies herself as an advocate of "positive law-breaking" when it comes to expressing goodwill toward the ecosystem.

Hoffman harbors a rigidly positive attitude toward keeping the cedar tree alive and breathing. "We try to ruin it too many times!" she exclaimed. "(Trees are) what this country needs — it's a good thing!"

When asked whether or not anyone had ever been hanged from the exultant cedar, Hoffman said, "The last hanging here I wasn't there for – it wasn't that long ago," said Hoffman. "But I'm more versed in living people than dead ones"



Huntingdon County nominated for Blueprint Community benefits

By KATE BOCK

Huntingdon County has been nominated as a Blueprint Community, which means if chosen, the county will have the opportunity to expand economically and improve as a community. The chosen community will be notified by May 2.

"Blueprint Communities is a program through the Federal Home Loan Bank out of Pittsburgh that is being administered through the PA Downtown Center," said Mark Colussy, planning director at the Huntingdon County planning and development department.

Being a Blueprint Community means that the chosen community will receive training and some funds to help implement the knowledge gained through the trainings.

The meetings will help the community to begin implementing the team's newfound knowledge in a way that benefits the whole community.

Applications for Blueprint Communities are due by April 25. Colussy, among others across the county, are working to compose the best possible submission.

Communities in Huntingdon County were appointed as a way to utilize the nature-based attractions already located within its boundaries including Raystown Lake, Trough Creek and other state parks and natural attractions.

Both students and community members already utilize the nature-based attractions of Huntingdon County, but being chosen as a Blueprint Community would help to increase the interest and traffic through the small towns of Huntingdon County.

Lisa Hershey, campus ministry affiliate and manager at Standing Stone Coffee Company,

said, "There's a ton of traffic that goes through to Raystown, and we see very little of that traffic actually in town, so very little of that revenue and that economic drive actually impacts the residents."

Students also use the nature-based attractions around the College for recreation and research.

"The aspects that I utilize the most are the different bodies of water to fish," said sophomore John Tomchick.

"I use the rivers, the lakes and the cliffs. I love to fish, and there are many great places around here to do so. Also, floating down the Juniata on tubes during the summer is a lot of fun," said sophomore Jon Altland.

"This approach around the resources rather than around the Borough is better because it will bring more of this county together," said Robert

Yelnosky, vice president for finance and operations.

In order for the program to work, community members must be willing to commit and work to better their community.

"The key here is that this program is based upon rallying around the members of our community that participate to do a program they can all agree to. That's all surrounded on implementation—actually getting something done as opposed to just compiling data—that basically gets put into a printed document. It's more action-ori-

ented," said Colussy.

Hershey said, "Something that was very encouraging to me was seeing how many people came out for that initial interest meeting, and not just (from) Huntingdon the town, but people from Mount Union and Petersburg."

If chosen as a Blueprint Community, not only will the towns in Huntingdon County be positively affected, but Juniata College will be as well. (Blueprint Communities) will definitely give an opportunity for us to get on the map and give us more amenities and things to provide for our already existing students and staff or faculty," said Colussy. "It will potentially make faculty and staff recruitment easier because we will potentially be able to work toward making quality of life improvements for our community."

Students also have their opinions on what would help improve the naturally-occurring attractions surrounding the College to gain exposure and popularity.

"We all have gone to Raystown Lake because of Mountain Day, so if there were more activities like Mountain Day for the community, then I think there would be more attraction not just from the College, but from the community as a whole," said the junior Brandon Lekemby.

"I think that they could maybe improve the area by having a few more places to camp nearby," said Altland.

"I use the trails a lot and I wish sometimes there was a little more upkeep on the trails and maybe even a camping area out in the trails near the Peace Chapel," said freshman Samuel Zucker. "I love using the cliffs to climb, and I wish that there was an effort to keep them clean from vandalization and litter."

However, some students have other ideas for ways that Huntingdon and surrounding areas can be improved that do not involve the nature-based aspects.

"I would like to see the buildings and sidewalks either fixed or torn down. The town simply looks too run down to attract people. It hurts the value of Juniata as well," said Tomchick.

Freshman Henry Lush said, "I would like to see more things to do in the area and more access to the things that do exist for those without cars, maybe more access to the (Raystown) Lake. It's tough to get out there without a car. Also, its tough to get to Wal-Mart, Sheetz and the stuff that's not right here."

If anyone would like to learn more about Blueprint Communities or know whether or not Huntingdon County has been accepted as a Blueprints Community, Amy Wise of the Huntingdon County Business and Industry will be notified by May 2 of whether or not Huntingdon County was accepted. Afterward, a press release will go to the media.



JAB challenges new club

By RACHEL CLINE

Sophomore Matthew Kinnebrew is trying to start a new club next semester that will host small campus events to raise funds for organizations in the surrounding community.

The club is currently referred to as the National Association of Activities for Juniata, or the NAAJC. "I'm not sure if (the name is) gonna stick, but as of now we kind of did it as a joke. Other names that are in contention are The Movement or Broken Shells," said Kinnebrew. "The goal (of the club) is to bring out Juniata's personality through the students and to make this a more memorable experience."

The club's approval is in question because an event-planning club already exists on campusthe Juniata Activities Board.

"In the bylaws of our constitution, the Accountability Committee is assigned the responsibility to approve (Registered Student Organizations). If there is redundancy in the clubs, such as an aspiring club that wants to do something that another club already does, it is the Committee's job to reject aspiring clubs that are too similar to currently established clubs," said sophomore Ramsey Amad, next year's Student Government vice president and head of the Accountability Committee.

Kinnebrew plans for his club to differ from JAB in that it will donate its proceeds to the Huntingdon community.

"I'm not really sure what JAB does for philanthropy," said Kinnebrew, "but I would rather give the money this club makes in the school year to Huntingdon. I think that would be where the difference lies."

"I'm not actually sure how much philanthropy JAB does. I don't think there's much," said Amad, "but the problem is that any club at all could throw a water balloon activity if they wanted to. And if Matt wanted to, he could go to JAB and request that they do something like that."

Kinnebrew does not intend to interfere with JAB's mission.

"The only thing that JAB could offer me is money," said Kinnebrew, "and why take any more of JAB's money, when they have their own events, and I think JAB is a great thing and they keep a lot of traditions on

"It would take a lot of weight off of OSA and JAB," said junior Brandon Reis. "(JAB) does big events. This would be smaller, more frequent events."

Amad believes that the differences between JAB and the NAAJC would not merit establishing a new club.

"JAB does do smaller events as well. JAB brings in singers and performers on Friday nights as an alternative to going to East," said Amad.

If the goal is to raise money for the Huntingdon community, some suggest Kinnebrew may be better off creating a serviceoriented club.

"Most charity organizations on campus get most of their money from events," said Amad.

"There might be a conflict with the Community Service club, but I can't actually think of a specific club that directly affects the Huntingdon community through fund-raising on campus," said senior and Executive Board President Anshu Chawla.

"I plan on submitting the application before finals week, so it may be pushed back into next semester. As of now, I'm trying to build a résumé," said Kinnebrew. "May 2, the day before Pig Roast, I'm going to be hosting a street ball tournament, and it's supposed to demonstrate how it does affect the student body."

What will Kinnebrew do if his application for this new club is

"If I do get denied and they tell me to join JAB instead, I would just have to make the name and what it's about different. In the words of my father, you would appease the checkbox to then be able to fund raise the way you want to," said Kinnebrew.

Entrepreneurs pitch business ideas

The Juniata College Center for Entrepreneurial Leadership (JCEL) sponsored a non-POE specific business pitch competition that required students to devise a 90 second pitch highlighting their unique products.

Based on the explicit criteria, senior Elise Mihranian captured first place in the competition and won the \$1,000 prize, while fellow senior Ben Krouse netted the second place prize of \$500. Second runner up, freshman. Dean Polisena, earned \$500, while fellow freshmen Katie Jeffress and Zoe Oswald earned \$100 gift cards as the 4th and 5th place finalists, respectively.

Based on their connection to Juniata and entrepreneurial experience, alumni Dr. Jodie Monger Gray '88, founder and president of Customer Relationship Metrics, Jason Boyer '03, vice president of operations for Lawnscape Ltd., and Richard Endres '70, president and owner of Endres Millwork & Cabinetry, were selected as the judges for the event.

"What we're looking for is innovation, target market, similar products and individual product competitive edge. Following that, we look at the business model and how they plan to make money doing this," said Terry Anderson, director of JCEL, when revealing the judging criteria for the competition.

Despite capturing first according to the judges, Mihranian finished last in the text-in "viewers' choice" votes, while Oswald was awarded an additional \$150 gift card for winning the most view-

Mihranian, an international business communication POE, produced the winning product called ComCall, a service that streams videos to a customer's smart phone while they are placed on hold.

"Businesses can play appreciation messages from their CEOs, stream celebrity endorsements or even introduce new products,"



Freshman Zoe Oswald pitches her business proposal for Soapy Notes. Oswald won the viewer's choice competition, in which audience members voted for their favorite business pitch via text message.

said Mihranian.

Following the compétition, Mihranian was quick to acknowledge the work of her fellow competitors. "It was such an honor to win, but there were some great business pitches tonight and I think it says a lot about Juniata students and how creative we are and the entrepreneurial spirit that can be cultivated at a liberal arts college."

Ben Krouse, an environmental science POE, encouraged users of his product to "Please Lick Responsibly," as his product, PopTail, infuses "fresh ingredients, premium juices and fine select spirits" in an effort to revolutionize ice pops.

"My product is a modern spin on the traditional," said Krouse. "It's a treat for adults that essentially has no competitors in that it can serve in a number of markets. I have already successfully produced dozens of sample batches and have generated interest from many bars and restaurants."

To produce a product that satisfies an identified need at Juniata, Polisena, a psycholentrepreneurship and

POE, created JC Buy and Sell, which provides an online outlet for upperclassmen to sell their TVs, rugs, fridges, etc. to underclassmen.

Katie Jeffress, an environmental economics POE, devised Native Roots, a company that would satisfy national demand for native plant species by essentially rescuing native plants from construction sites and other areas where plant life is threatened.

Soapy Notes, the brainchild of Zoe Oswald, turns the walls of showers into a writing surface. "My goal was to create a product that provides Americans with an opportunity to capitalize on shower time. It allows you to turn shower time into idea time, and never let a great idea pass you by," said Oswald.

pitch competition replaced the business plan competition of past years, which required a more in-depth, detailed business proposal rather than a quick, 90second pitch. The change was intended to encourage more students to apply. After this year's successful event, Juniata may look forward to more business pitches in coming years.

Siglin takes the torch from K-G as Director of Health Professions

By KATHERINE TOBAR

Dr. Amanda Siglin, coordinator of the Post Baccalaureate Pre-Professional Program at Thomas Jefferson University Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences, was recently hired to replace Dr. Debra Kirchhof-Glazier as Director of the Health Professions Program.

"Ever since I finished undergraduate school, it has really been my goal to get back to working at an undergraduate institution," said Siglin. "In addition to that, my family is relocating to the area. It was the perfect opportunity at the perfect time."

"Dr. Siglin has a bachelor's degree from the University of Scranton. She did a research in biochemistry and molecular biology to get her PhD at Thomas Jefferson University. She did her doctoral research at the City of Hope Beckman Research Institute in Duarte, California, which is one of the top hospitals in the country for cancer research," said Professor of Biology and current Director of Health Professions Dr. Kirchhof-Glazier. "She is young and she doesn't have a lot of experience, but I was incredibly impressed with her."

"She is good because she is young enough to be charismatic, and she also has enough experience to be able to handle the importance of the position," said senior biochemistry student Derek Deshaies.

"All of them (health professions students) came to me saying, 'she is the one that we want.' Everyone agreed with the decision. She definitely stood out to them," said senior Amanda

Beyond her outstanding résumé, Dr. Siglin was perceived as a friendly, approachable person and as someone who shows real interest in getting to know more about each one of her students.

"She remembered every student's name, what they were doing and was asking them questions. That is the key to our success at Juniata," said Kirchhof-Glazier.

"I went to lunch with the other applicant and she seemed nice, but she didn't seem as enthusiastic about the position as Dr. Siglin did," said Deshaies.

For the past 25 years, Kirchhof-Glazier has combined her position as director of health professions with a full-time job teaching biology courses.

"It's very complex, and it's a

Waller, a student in the pre-med full-time job," said Kirchhof-Glazier. "I would say the important thing is: every single stu- the health professions program, dent counts.'

"I take my job to be really dedicated to each of my students' success and to help them to achieve their goals and to give them all the information they need to be able to achieve their goals," said Siglin.

Kirchhof-Glazier and the health professions community will support Dr. Siglin and the students through the transition

"The biggest challenge is going to be learning the details, but she is going to have plenty of help doing that, and the other good thing is, she is coming in the summer so she is going be runup before the kids start school," said Kirchhof-Glazier.

"I look forward to welcoming

all of our new freshman on campus and, being the new face of that they know where they can go for assistance and for advising," said Siglin. "Then I really look forward to continuing a long-standing tradition that has been established on campus with all our upperclassmen."

Upperclassmen recommended that underclassmen students stay calm and trust the decision made by Kirchhof-Glazier, the Health Professions Committee and health professions seniors.

"Have faith in this new person and give her the credit that K-G is giving her and that all the seniors who are graduating give her. And don't run to K-G for everything because I think this woman sounds like she is going to do it great and be very competent," said Waller.

Local outdoor attractions offer views, relaxation and exercise

By SETH RUGGIERO

Have you ever wondered why CBS News named Huntingdon, PA the fifth "Coolest Small Town in America" in 2009?

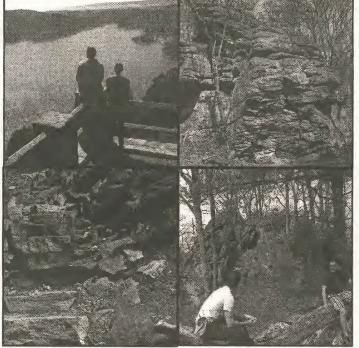
To find the answer, you must step outside of the Juniata bubble and introduce yourself to Mother Nature. Juniata is surrounded by the great outdoors, but you don't have to be Survivorman to enjoy it.

Listed below are seven out-door sites near Juniata. These spots are both well known and unfamiliar and can be enjoyed by all types of people. The list below just skims the surface, so get outside, explore and find more natural wonders in Huntingdon.

Three Sisters Rocks (part of Hunters Rocks)

Directions: Take Route 26 towards State College for about 10 miles. Turn right onto Martin Gap Rd. After about 1 mile, take left at bridge and take right onto gravel road. Stay right on Frew Rd. Park in pull-off on right after power-line clearing. Follow path up hill to destination.

This unique rock formation is a paradise for rock climbers and nature enthusiasts. Moss covered pathways and rock corridors stretch for miles. Hike around the many paths or find a quiet nook to enjoy a book. The many



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Clockwise, from top left: Hawn's Overlook, Pulpit Rocks, Three Sisters Rocks, Thousand Steps.

rooms made of rock are perfect for a picnic or simply a chill session with friends.

Hawn's Overlook

Directions: Take Route 22 east from McDonald's. Bear right after about 0.5 miles, following signs for Ridenour Overlook. Park at Ridenour Overlook and take the path on right to Hawn's Overlook.

This spot is truly one of the most breathtaking views in the region. Perched at the top of

Raystown Lake, Hawn's Overlook is perfect for a romantic getaway, or just some alone time. If you are feeling adventurous, try hiking some of the surrounding trails to found other sweet, more private vantage points.

"Bob Rock" (Cliffs)
Directions: Walk off campus

toward railroad tracks. Make right onto Penn St. and left onto Alleghany Rd. Walk up hill, make left on 20th St. past deadend into woods to cliffs. "Bob Rock" is at the cliff's base.

A rather unknown location, even to locals, Bob Rock is a 10-minute walk from campus. Named for the "Bob" graffiti written on its wall, this location requires some visitor caution, as the trail to the bottom is difficult to walk. Trees and brush keep the rock base hidden, making it perfect for some private adventures, like climbing, listening to music or anything else with friends. Thousand Steps

Directions: Take Route 22 east out of Huntingdon for about 10 miles. Pull-off is located on the left after large metal fence.

Probably the most popular place on this list, Thousand Steps is part of the National Heritage Trail on Jack's Mountain. Exactly 1,037 stone steps make up this former mining trail. The trail is not only aesthetically astounding, but also offers a great workout for people of every age. Once at the top, one can continue hiking further up the mountain or enjoy the old mining structures and beautiful views.

"Leaning Arch" (Cliffs)

Directions: Walk off campus toward railroad. Take right at Penn St.. Walk up hill until dead-end and make a left. At end of road, walk through electrical wire clearing to cliffs. Arch will be under the cliffs.

The second location listed at

the old cliffs, this "leaning arch" is truly a spectacle. The arch is a huge slab of rock leaning on another wall of rock. Some very light climbing may be involved. **Pulpit Rocks**

Directions: From campus, drive toward Walmart on Route 26 south. Bear right before the prison onto Pike St. for a few miles. Stop at huge rocks on right, labeled "Pulpit Rocks".

This formation is beautiful and serene. The rocks are massive boulders that sit almost over top of the road that lies beneath. Pulpit Rocks were uncovered through the First Geological Survey in Pennsylvania in 1858 and were declared a National Historic Landmark in 1993. Bike there with a friend and forget about your worries.

Alleyways

Directions: Walk off campus; find an alley.

This last entry might seem a little out of place, but it's not. Go for a relaxing stroll through a Huntingdon alley and see just how much you learn. Take a look into the yards, garages and houses of local residents. The old buildings are full of character and, with the endless chirping of birds, it is easy to forget about the stresses of school and life. Give it a try and understand why Huntingdon is such a special place.

Annual Huntingdon Mayfest celebrates local businesses, culture, history

By Louie Nigh

Mayfest, an annual street fair celebrating Huntingdon's cultural background, will be held on April 26. In many ways, Mayfest is a typical street fair featuring booths, vendors and games for children. However, Mayfest distinguishes itself by transforming entire street blocks by their respective historical themes.

"Mayfest is a themed historical event, with five themes. The themes are, in order, colonial times, back to the '50s, Victorian era, Woodstock and the Renaissance Faire. In each block, we try to do things that pertain to that theme," said Linda DeArmitt, chairperson of the Mayfest organizational board. "People dress in the style of that era. They play historical games. We set up historically correct jails in each of the blocks: a stockade in colonial times, bar jails in the '50s and the Renaissance has the rack."

Local businesses, nonprofit organizations and citizens work together to make Mayfest the best it can be.

"It's a really fun day, a really fun event. I've been doing this for 10 years, and I still haven't seen everything," said DeArmitt. "It's only several blocks, but there's so much there. You could come 100 times and still not see everything we have to offer."

Each year, Mayfest calls attention to Huntingdon from all over Pennsylvania.

"10,000 people come to this event from all over the place,"

said DeArmitt. "It costs \$10,000 to put this on. If each person that showed up would put a dollar in the bucket, it would pay for this entire event."

It may seem strange that a small town such as Hunting-don could command this much attention, but in fact, tourism makes up a large portion of the town's budget.

"A lot of students are shocked to find out that tourism is Huntingdon's biggest industry, because they can't imagine seeing this place as a tourist destination. But it is for many people who are looking for outdoors kinds of activities. The lake, the mountain biking trails, the hunting, the fishing – that is a huge piece of our economics," said Assistant Professor of Communication Sarah Worley.

The decade-old event began to provide a place for organizations to call attention to themselves.

"As a business owner, I heard people often say that there was nothing downtown. But there were things downtown, and I wanted to encourage people to see that area," said DeArmitt. "We formed a board and a non-profit organization, and we went to businesses and told them, 'Here's what we have in mind, is there something you can provide for us?"

One way students get involved in Mayfest is through Worley's yearly group communication class, where students support local organizations by applying methods learned from their business classes. Students in the course often take advantage of Mayfest's local renown to help participating organizations advertise.

"Every spring, we are working with two local community partners to complete a project on their behalf," said Worley. "Oftentimes, the student projects involve having a booth at Mayfest on behalf of that community partner."

This year, two student groups will be participating in Mayfest as part of Worley's class.

"One group is working for Habitat for Humanity, and they proposed to Habitat that they would redesign their promotional materials and have a booth at Mayfest. The students did an assessment and realized that this was a way for the local Habitat chapter to get their word out into the Huntingdon community," said Worley. "The other group is working with Standing Stone Coffee Company. The group is doing a market research project for them that involves surveys."

The monetary cost for the student-run booth was funded entirely by Juniata students and their parents.

"We did a fundraising activity where we sat inside Ellis. We had students come by and allowed students to take paint and put their hands on the poster, and then they paid a donation," said DeBernardis. "We also asked for donations at a track and field game, and we made money that way to pay for the table. We don't

know yet how much candy and the prizes will cost, but after we pay for the fliers, that's what all the money will be going to."

So far, the group's work with Habitat for Humanity has been a great success.

"We've been in contact with Habitat this whole semester. Two of our students actually just went to one of their meetings this past Monday, and they were really excited about the drafts that we had brought up for the pamphlets and the flier, how we'd made it more appealing to the eye. They were really open to new ideas. We're also making a Facebook page for them to get the word out on the Internet as well," said DeBernardis. "Some of their board members will be coming to Mayfest, and they're really excited to get the word out and talk to the community."

Huntingdon locals expressed surprise that they notice few Juniata students attending Mayfest, in spite of its importance to the community.

"Really not a whole bunch attend. Probably less than 500," said resident Jessica Shope. "Mostly it's older or younger folk, a lot of high schoolers."

Worley suggests that Juniata students are often too occupied with school-related activities to attend Mayfest.

"In years past, it has conflicted with Pig Roast, and Juniata students are devoted to Pig Roast. It really depends on what else is going on," said Worley. "It's often at the end of the semester,

and it's a busy time of the year for students. Often, Juniata students stay on campus, because the College meets every social and food-related need."

Still, DeBernardis believes that students could try harder to participate in Huntingdon's events.

"Now that I know about it, I'm going to tell my friends to come down and check it out. I think it could help bridge the gap between Juniata and Huntingdon," said DeBernardis. "Sometimes I feel that we have a good relationship with the community, and other times I feel that both parties could do better with trying to interact with one another. We're not just noisy college kids, and they're not just 'the townspeople.' If we could come together even more, it would be even more beneficial-if more of the community could come to Juniata activities, and Juniata students go to Huntingdon activities."

While they may be busy with school, Worley encourages Juniata students to attend Mayfest.

"Students being involved helps to break down barriers with Huntingdon residents, and helps them feel comfortable as members of the community," said Worley. "The goals of college are to encourage lives of service and to connect students to the world—to have them experience the community around them. The College benefits from that rapport, and the community benefits as well."

Despite secularity, Juniata remains influenced by Brethren roots

By CODY GREENWALD

What makes Juniata 'Juniata'? As soon as the question arises, whether it is felt along the fog of a downtown café or tangled in the discord of a tough budget meeting, at least a few blush to hide their nervous laughter.

Like an atom, the College vibrates with an energetic exchange of people and their colorful intuition. Change is a culture here that witnesses the packets of coming and leaving students; with such a constant adjustment, one wonders how Juniata secures the authenticity of its past.

In the early spring of 1876, Professor J. M. Zuck facilitated his first class of the established "Huntingdon Regular School," which was seen through efforts of Church of the Brethren members. Today, Juniata College is still subtly defined by its Breth-

"First of all, the College was founded by members of the Church of the Brethren," said former President Tom Kepple. "It was a risk at that time because the church itself was not all into the idea, but these members thought it would be important."

Early on in Juniata's history, Kepple said that most of the people at the College were in fact Brethren, but the numbers have dwindled over time. "It's a small community now," said Kepple.

The Fruit of the Roots

Senior John Keeney moderates for the Brethren Student Fellowship.

Keeney said it is important for an academic institution to

the sake of finding peace within itself.

"Peacefully, simply, together." That is our Brethren slogan," said senior Laura Whitman, the Brethren student treasurer. "Those three things are very important. We're very focused on service and peace, which I think you can see in Juniata."

"We have a Peace Studies Program—one of the first in the country," said Keeney, "and we just had a peace studies conference just a few weeks ago, trying to figure out what it means to study peace, what a good curriculum is and how to make a difference in the world."

Juniata College also has a particular commitment to community service work. "We have a whole office dedicated to that, even though we're such a small school, which I think is really interesting," said Whitman.

For Spring Break, Whitman said many students, Brethren or not, tend to go on more service trips rather than typical beach expeditions.

Campus Chaplain Dave Witkovsky said, "There are a lot places where you see a continuing emphasis on those Brethren values. I think they are part of our culture here; they're a part of who we are. You can also look at some bigger-picture things: why has Juniata stayed a small liberal arts college?"

"In part it's because we value being small enough that you feel like you're part of a community here," said Witkovsky. "That's a really important value in the Church. The average size of a

find peace with its roots for Church of the Brethren congregation is about 100 people."

As a result, Juniata has become known for its efforts to establish real and personal connections across all its members.

Another notable fact about Juniata is its Brethren representation within the board of trustees. Out of the 40 members, three positions within the board are designated for representatives of the church.

"We have Brethren voices that continue to be at the highest level of decision-making here at Juniata," said Witkovsky. "We try to continue to give a voice to the group that founded us."

"We've got to talk about it," said President Jim Troha. "I think there's got to be examples of what the church means to us in our literature, how we talk about the Church of the Brethren when prospective students are here and when new students arrive.

The Struggles of Faith

Aside from the declining number of Brethren students enrolled at Juniata, some areas of the campus community struggle with preserving the memory of its roots.

"For a number of decades, Juniata has very intentionally stated that it's not a church-governed school, it's not a particular theology, and it's not formally a Brethren school," said Keeney. "That's helpful and important. But at the same time, that makes it hard for us to recognize where things come from."

Diversity has also seemed to strain Juniata's ability to hold onto its heritage, as many more people are not directly affected by an inherited connection. "Juniata made a decision to reach out and recruit," said Witkovsky. "By default, when you start reaching out like that, you're reaching out to a different group."

"I think most denominational schools are struggling," said Troha. "When you think about mainstream denominations, students today are affiliating less with them. Students might be just as spiritual, but they are less attached to a particular denomination today.'

Strength in Tradition

"When we try to talk about why an institution is important, you talk about what they there-what continues. Traditions are what makes Juniata different from other schools," said Keeney.

"Traditions are great, and Juniata has lots of them," said Kepple. "I think we have to remind ourselves who we are. It reminds us that Juniata wasn't made yesterday."

"That said, I'm not sure that there's any particular tradition that's all that important that would be related to the Brethren," said Keeney. "Storming of the Arch is not a Brethren thing, it's a Juniata thing, and that's fine. It's part of the character of the school."

"I don't think it's good to hold on to tradition and keep doing it just because that's the way we've always done it," said Whitman. "I think we need to take a step back sometimes and examine it and maybe look at it from another perspective."

When a student partakes in one of the unique traditions that Juniata has to offer, they in a very literal sense, make Juniata history.

"I think that keeping strong traditions roots us in our identity," said Witkovsky. "The traditions are something that we can participate in, we can be part of Juniata and be part of how Juniata has always been."



After school club teaches computer programming to middle-schoolers

By Abigail Rosenberger

Dr. Cathy Stenson, professor of mathematics, initiated an after school club in the Huntingdon Middle School this semester. The club, called Animation Club, meets weekly to introduce students to computer programing through teaching them how to create animations and video games.

Stenson co-leads the club with Dr. John Wright, assistant professor of computer science, and student volunteers sophomore Kate Lorenzen and junior Tessa Thomas.

"I figured lots of kids want to do this kind of thing, so I wanted to find a way to get kids who are interested in this together to give them a chance to learn with this, play with some ideas," said Stenson.

Stenson worked with Linda Miller, guidence counselor for the middle school, to get the program off the ground.

"I think it's beneficial for our students here at the middle school to have as many opportunities as possible," said Miller. "I just wanted the opportunity for our students to be exposed to the world of IT and grow."

Stenson chose a computer program called Alice to help introduce the middle school students to computer programing. "It's a program developed by Carnegie Mellon University to introduce object oriented programing to students at an early age, so it allows them to do graphical things, tell stories, make little games, all the while learning programing," said John Wright. "Very much the same things we learn in CS 110, they're learning through Alice, just graphically."

Stenson and Wright are impressed with how quickly the students have learned how to navigate the program.

"I came in with my plan for the first day, and the last activity was sort of open ended. I thought, well, maybe we'll get through everything I've got planned or maybe some of it will have to spill over into next time. No. They finished everything I had planned in the first twenty minutes," said Stenson.

"They took to it better than I did," said Wright. "I think it's just the age group; they're not afraid of anything. We had to scramble to keep up with them as opposed to the other way around."

Each club meeting opens with a brief tutorial or activity. Some of the tutorials have included finishing a previously created animation, making a working, accurate model of the solar system and selling fictional products.

"They would do an advertisement for camel sales in the desert, and they put a camel in the desert, walking around," said

While Alice offers students the ability to construct a variety of animations, movies and video games, the students have been primarily interested in the program's gaming capabilities.

"I was thinking when we started it would be the animations that would be the most fun for them, and they do like that, but I think they're a little more excited about the prospect of making games," said Stenson.

"They would do their best to get through those fast so they could work on their own little pet projects and they've been doing some really amazing things on their own, just figuring it out," said Wright.

Students are able to command a variety of built-in characters in their games, such as ogres, humans and dinosaurs, to move around the screen.

"There's the velociraptors (game), where one velociraptor is chasing the other, and you're the one that's being chased, and you have to try to maneuver," said Lorenzen. "There's this skateboard game too, where you're a skateboarder and you're going around the city and you can do all these skateboard tricks. Every time I turn around there seems to be some new game that just got started."

Throughout each meeting, the student volunteers and professors circulate to help answer questions so students can move forward in their projects.

"We do just help them if they're stuck on something, if they say, 'I really want to know how to do whatever,'in the week between sessions we'll go look it up (and) we figure out how to do what they want," said Stenson.

"I think it's good for them to have a project that they keep returning back to, trying again, and coming back week after week and thinking 'what can I add to it, how can I make this better, does this actually work?' They make them, or they'll make the first part and then they'll just play with them

until they break them and then they realize, 'Oh, I need to add this in there.' So I guess that's something that's good as far as building computer programing skills—learning how to test your own programs," said Lorenzen.

Despite having the student volunteers and professors as resources, the club members have shown a great deal of independence.

"One thing I actually like is that the kids are most likely to turn to each other first if they want to know how to do something and I really like that, it's fun, to see them interact like that," said Stenson.

Currently the program has 12 regular attendees from the 6th, 7th and 8th grades. If the club continues to grow, Stenson hopes to involve more girls. "I think if there's enthusiasm for doing it next year, then one thing I'll want to do is go out and recruit a few more girls because I think it is important," said Stenson.

"It has been a tremendous success here at Huntingdon Area Middle School and I would like to see the Animation Club return next year," said Miller. "I'm always looking for programs to enrich the students."

OPINION & EDITORIAL

Shay's top secrets for a successful college experience



It is hard for me to believe, but this will be the very last Juniatian piece that I will ever write. Realizing this fills me with many emotions.

I am filled with interest for what is to come after graduation, sadness that I will leave so many good things behind and hope that I will keep in touch with the amazing friends I have made during my time at Juniata.

However, I think that the emotion I feel the most is that of nostalgia. Here I am, less than a month away from graduation, and I cannot help but look back on the many fond memories I have made at this place.

I thought a lot about what I wanted to say in this piece. Where normally I would explain a specific topic and thoroughly give my opinion on it, for my last article I would instead like to offer the best advice that I believe would be helpful or useful to my readers.

I. Hold the Door

First of all, I think that being genuinely helpful to those around you whenever possible can invaluably improve your relationships, even with people you barely know.

Attempting to be just a little more helpful in regular social interactions will build positive feelings toward yourself on behalf of the other members of your community.

It would cost almost nothing to hold the door for a fellow classmate or to help a frustrated peer find his or her missing gold card. These acts will build lasting goodwill and a more collegial community of people who are more eager to help out when you need the favor returned.

II. Argue diplomatically

Arguments are a topic about which I have a lot to say. Honestly, I think that having a stereotypical argument with raised voices and heated tempers is never the right way to actually resolve a dispute.

There are certain things that everyone feels passionate about. Unfortunately, sometimes when these things come up in conversation our passions get the bet-

ter of us and a civil conversation turns into a screaming match.

Whether you are discussing your relationship with a significant other or a political issue with a friend, having the type of argument described above will never result in anything good. If a sensitive issue must be discussed constructively, it is best to try and have a calm and reasoned examination of the issue. Should things start to get heated, it is best to set the issue aside until everyone has calmed down and is ready to discuss the situation rationally.

III. Have fun now and then

I have had a lot of new experiences as a student at Juniata. In my opinion, they are among the most valuable things I will take away from my time here. New experiences are what help us to grow as individuals, discover things about ourselves and expand our knowledge and com-

At the end of your life when you look back on your time in college, what comes to mind will not be the grades you got or the homework you did. What comes to mind will be the crazy, wild, adrenaline-inducing

every college student's experience.

That is not to say students should be reckless and careless, but they should take the time to live a little now and then. After all, we only have the privilege of being young once, and it would be a crime to waste that time without any noteworthy memories to show for it.

IV. Do not let stress get to you

This is obviously a big issue in the lives of just about any student at one time or another. The trick with stress is simply not to let it get to you. If you find yourself getting stressed, take some time out of your day to de-stress with a trip to the gym, some video games or even just a nice walk.

When students are stressed they are not going to be able to do anything efficiently, especially schoolwork. Trying to get things done while you are feeling pressured by stress is like trying to paddle a boat up-stream; you can do it, but you are going to have to work a hell of a lot harder than you should to get

Trying to work while stressed can cause a student to fall even

gans that are an essential part of further behind, creating more stress. This forms a cycle that can only be broken by taking a step back and forcing oneself to calm

V. Treasure your friends

Friends have a huge impact on a student's time in school. Friends have the power to lift your spirits when you are feeling down, help you get a handle on your problems without going insane, and are there to help when you really need a hand with something.

A good group of reliable friends is one of the most useful things a student can have to improve their college experience. Remember to be the kind of friend you would want your friends to be: loyal, dependable and helpful. Do your best not to let things come between you and your friends.

While arguments and pursing potential significant others can cause problems, in the end these things generally come and go. What will last longer than any argument is the connection that is built between friends.

TERS TO

I would like to respond to the article and the editorial that was written in the March 27, 2014 Juniatian titled "DataTel tells of student secrets' in regards to the actual handling of our records. In all honesty, the article and hence editorial only substantiates a type of backbiting with innuendos governed by personal rhetoric and sensationalism; than actual practice and procedure. To think that educational records are not monitored in a sensitive way by most, is disingenuous and hurtful to those of us who take this very seriously.

First off, let me tick off the things that were false:

1. Student employees do not * have access to confidential information in Datatel, especially grades, DOS comments, and anything not considered Directory Information. What is Directory Information you say? This is that pesky FERPA signoff that we do annually right before March registration to notify students that we will work with some of your data listed without soliciting the individual's permission.

2. There is a nondisclosure statement that is signed by all students who work in administrative offices handling information: development, enrollment, registrar's office, for sure; and training orientations for the talk with others. There are levels of responsibility that is inherent with the jobs that must be tackled to make the office run efficiently and we demonstrate the real rules of world of work.

3. Not everyone has a Datatel

ID account and as an institution we are governed by particular laws about education records and privacy information.

Just remember, most information that is private or personal is often broadcasted by the individual by web or by voice. So be careful about how you feel or act on a particular day; as things can change rapidly from one day to the next. Be circumspect about your information in your daily life with family and friends, and trust that we have your best interest at heart.

So with that said, I would like to leave you with my daily work

Those persons who are selected to serve the public, or are appointed to administrative positions should perform their duties in a spirit of true servitude and ready compliance.

That is to say, they should be distinguished by their goodly disposition and virtuous character, content themselves with their allotted remuneration, and act with trustworthiness in all their doings. They should keep themselves aloof from unworthy motives, and be far removed above covetous designs; for rectitude, probity and righteousness are among the most potent means for attracting the grace of God and securing both the prosperity of the country and the welfare of the people.

I think this is very important to strive for and I hope students and the Juniata community understand our efforts fully.

-Registrar Frederick

Everything appears calm now and all systems seem to be just dandy but is that really so? Sodexo employees have been battered and beat down big time this year which leaves me wondering how many shall return next fall.

First off, in October we were informed our medical insurance was no longer offered, blaming Obamacare. We were thrown to the wolves, as the saying goes, and on our own.

All one has to do is turn the news on or open up a newspaper to see how well Obamacare is working and how easy (not) it was to enroll. In the next breath, they informed us we would neither be accumulating sick or vacation hours nor be paid for any holidays; however, we would get an adjustment on our pay to make up the difference for losing

Well it took a while, but yes,

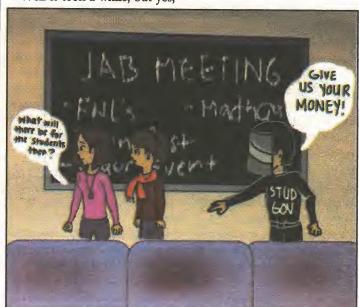
we did get an adjustment and, less than two weeks later, had our hours cut.

Now we are paying out of pocket for far less medical coverage than we used to have and are earning less money to pay for it.

I would venture to say that the majority of Sodexo employees would be classified at the poverty level in this country.

Huntingdon County normally has one of the highest unemployment rates in the state, so changing jobs would most likely be impossible. I am nearing Social Security age ,so this is not even an option for me. As a matter of fact, I have always liked my job and I would not have been there this long (nearing 12 years) if I did not, but I despise the company now and would certainly not go out of my way for Sodexo again. The End!

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Catering to a diversified student body

EDITORIAL

On Tuesday, the Supreme Court upheld an amendment to the Michigan constitution that declared it a state's right to decide whether racial criteria can be used in college admissions.

In recent years, Juniata has actively sought to boost minority representation across the board. In comparison to many other small colleges in Pennsylvania, the College still trails behind competitors in its percentage of ALANA students in the student body.

As the institution's ethnic diversity increases, so too does its responsibility to accommodate varied cultural backgrounds. If we wish not only to retain these students but also to provide a positive experience for everyone, hiring the ideal support staff presents a unique challenge.

On one hand, the presence of a more ethnically diverse student body creates a more diverse experience for everyone. On the other hand, overemphasis on diversity could be exclusionary.

In considering a candidate for a given position such as a resident assistant, should Juniata focus more on a candidate's personal qualifications or on whether or not he or she boasts a more diverse background?

While increased diversity is often equated with greater overall fairness, could a diversityintensive agenda come at the expense of fairness to nonminority applicants?

When faced with incidents of admission or hire.

discrimination, minority students may feel more comfortable talking to RAs with similar backgrounds, hence Res Life's push to recruit staff members from more diverse cultures. On the other side of the coin, nonminority students could feel just as uncomfortable approaching minority employees.

However, regardless of a given RA's ethnic background, the most important trait he or she should possess is the ability to empathize with residents.

Should the primary goal in hiring or recruiting be to make our school more diverse, and therefore more marketable, should we seek applicants based solely on other qualifications such as academic experience or community involvement?

Overemphasizing diversity can functionally insulate minority students by distinctly labeling them as the "Constitutive Other."

When individuals become immersed in certain aspects of an argument, they often lose sight of the big picture; its important to keep our values in mind when hiring, but sometimes two values can be mutually exclusive.

In reality, nothing can ever be completely fair. Someone must be chosen over someone else, and it would be near impossible to evenly weight all applicants' characteristics when making a decision. However, Juniata must strive to balance emphasis on its disparate goals in order to select the strongest candidates for

Technology redefines global citizenship



The impending effects of globalization on employment, culture and finance are well known, but one side effect discussed less often is the changing nature of citizenship.

As modern technology has freed people around the world from dependence on their government to improve the quality of their life, the globalization of problems and solutions thereto is changing the meaning of citizenship from a source of identity to a source of duty grounded in our role as intelligent life on

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful and committed citizens can change the world," said anthropologist Margaret Mead; "indeed, it's the only thing that ever has."

In theory, a citizen is a member of a political community, which is a tool that enables individuals to live better by living together. In this sense, the nation-state is a technology that allows its citizens to attain a quality of life they would not otherwise experience outside its protections.

But this globalized age of cheap knowledge and instant communication is eroding the sovereignty of the nation-state by empowering individuals, no matter where in the world or under what regime they might live.

Although people still depend on their national government for basic security, which is the foundation for all human wellbeing, sovereign centralized power pales when compared to the small teams of innovators around the world whose inventions have the ability to improve quality-of-life throughout the world.

Advanced personal technology is transforming the human race, uniting it into one community that provides as a whole for each of its members.

Therefore, citizenship now and hereafter owes its obligation to that whole, to all with whom the citizen shares the world. Modern citizenship will be characterized by fidelity to a cause that is greater than the goals and lifespan of any individual.

I don't intend idealism on the virtues of global citizenship and transcendent internationalism for the sake of being liberal artsy. Rather, this evolution of citizenship is tied to humanity's basic role on earth as increasingly intelligent life.

"Human beings, tiny though we are, are here for ... objective tool-inventing ... as local-Universe problem-solvers in support of the integrity of an eternally regenerative Universe," said Buckminster Fuller.

Globalization—that is, the changes in society prompted by that tool-building tendencyhas provided a great leap forward in our capacity as problem-solvers by connecting people with information and each other.

In other words, the globalization of society and evolving notions of citizenship allow us to ratchet up as a species.

Whereas citizenship in the last century implied nationality that is, a sense of identity among the entire species - it now implies responsibility to our common humanity.

This responsibility is both assumed and inherent. Citizenship is empowering, it is a state of co-dependence into which every person is born, but it is worthless unless the individual acts with

To be a citizen is to be a shareholder of the community, whether that is your country or Juniata College or all of humanity. Therefore, the citizen lives with responsibility to her peers and posterity.

It is not enough to tolerate and assimilate into society made by "them." Citizens must shape the society they wish to see.

Mere toleration is passive, whereas problem solving is more active engagement. When the level of human engagement falls to tolerance, humanity fails to improve and begins to rot.

Every person is naturally a citizen and is therefore responsible to engage actively in society, to problem-solve, to improve life on earth.

But Bucky Fuller warned us: "If we are any good at problemsolving, we don't come to utopia. We come to more difficult problems to solve."

Signing off, with gratitude and all the best to my fellow students: The journey is the reward.

International traveler finds poetic rebirth in rural Huntingdon



It is about the time to go there, from where I started my journey to the United States. It is time to gather, to collect. All the memories of friends, the laughter I shared with them. All the twilights, the sights of half-dim snow-covered mountains and even the tears, which I shed.

The moment I stepped foot in Huntingdon, I created a Huntingdon of my own. Nikos Kazantzakis has said, "Every perfect traveler always creates the country where he travels."

How difficult, how extremely difficult, for the soul to sever itself from its body, the world: from mountains, seas, cities, and people. The soul is an octopus and these are its tentacles... No force anywhere on earth is as imperialistic as the human soul. It occupies and is occupied in turn, but it always considers its empire too narrow. Suffocating, it desires to conquer the world in order to breathe

It was in Huntingdon where I again picked up the pen, which was deserted behind in the fast race of life to write the songs of my heart.

"It was at that age That poetry came in search of me again.'

Every artist loves the moon, but Van Gogh used to love the sun and paint it. Often, he used to go to the beach and paint the drowning sun.

A woman who used to come and look at him while he was busy painting once asked him whether she could call her family members to have a look at his painting. Gogh replied, but you live here and everyday you look at this beautiful sun when it disappears in the sea.

She said that because we live here, our eyes have gotten used to this beautiful image and we keep on ignoring it. Because of your painting, we are able to rediscover the beauty.

In the same way, I have come from a barren land where love is a crime; where instead of flowers, smoke of gunpowder whirls in the sky.

I was able to see all the beauty of this place—the deep woods, the snow, everything-while my sensitive-hearted artist friends who live here kept missing the beauty of this majestic place, even though they have a deep unquenchable thirst for beauty and nature.

How can I forget that cold night when I found my first friends in America, who will remain with me like my brothers forever? It was not like I made new friends. The truth is that they were undiscovered friends.

That night, the moon was glowing in all its glory. The three of us went to explore the age-old cave in the middle of the night. No plans, no thoughts. I was taken there with my eyes blindfolded.

When we neared the cave, all I could sense was the sound of running water. When I opened my eyes, I felt like I was in a different age, a different world. It was like traveling back in time. Even our flashlight stopped working, so my friend had to burn his clothes, including his socks, so that we could find our way out of the cave.

We always lived spontaneously, like life itself.

In order to find our lost selves, we decided to spend our last spring break together, and we went to Florida on a road trip with almost no money, no plans and brave hearts.

I will never forget that I spent the most wonderful time of my life with my two best friends. All those moments in the middle of the world's largest glades, the stuff we pulled under the starry sky. We became children once again. The invisible shackles of this society broke amidst the humming of insects and sudden sounds of alligators.

In the evening, we sat by the shore, drank beer and listened to the songs of our artist friend, while twilight drowned in the gator-laden waters. During the time we spent in Miami, under the sun, surrounded by the pines near the sea, I wrote:

Poetry took place when Your eyes hazed my words While I gathered adjectives from your eyes, And your waist shaped my

sentences. The moon shattered itself, When I was gathering stars in your hair, And your kiss sealed my lips. In the desert of dreams, I only followed your pale memory, surrounded by smoke, To tie my soul to your shadow together they defeat the night.

Huntingdon and my friends here helped me find my poetry, which was lost from me like Faiz's poem, "The world made me forget your memory, the pains of breadwinning are more attractive than you."



NORA MATTHEWS

Make life more fruitful: review, prioritize relationships



Do you ever prune yourself?

No, I'm not talking about those times when you stay in the bubble bath for an hour and you get all wrinkly. I'm talking about the process of intentionally stepping back from your life, looking at your choices and priorities, and cutting out the ones that do you no good.

If you know anything about gardening, then you understand this metaphor. If you don't, it helps to know what pruning is. Pruning is common practice in maintaining fruit trees and vines, and its purpose is to eliminate the branches or parts of the plant that are not producing fruit.

Every part of the plant requires precious resources of sunlight and water to maintain. If the tree or vine is putting energy toward maintaining a branch that is unproductive, it is essentially wasting that energy. The gardener's job is to help the tree or vine achieve its full potential by pruning those unproductive branches, and when done right, pruning can substantially increase the amount of fruit yielded.

We as humans are much the same as plants in the sense that we, too, have to put energy into all our endeavors in order to achieve any kind of growth — be it personal, financial, spiritual or otherwise. Every interaction with someone else, every thought we have and every action we take requires time and energy. And with the end of the semester approaching, most col-



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lege students are well aware that both time and energy are precious commodities.

Not all that we do is "fruitful," either. Whether you consider the fruits of an endeavor to be something tangible like money, or something more abstract like happiness or contentment, each choice that each of us makes has the possibility to either promote or discourage this fruitfulness.

It is often easy to fall into habits that waste our time and energy. Most college students know what it's like to be working on a paper, open up Facebook and then come to your senses after having stared at the computer screen for four hours. While I don't have anything against Facebook, I know that I personally tend to kick myself after those "zone-outs" for having wasted four precious hours of my life.

People who sympathize with

this anti-technology sentiment might suggest that those four hours be spent on personal interactions instead. I tend to feel this way as a general rule, but I have noticed that while interactions with friends, peers, family and loved ones can be very fruitful, they can also be some of the most draining and least fruitful experiences in my life.

In the same way that you might go through your Face-book friends list and "unfriend" people who you rarely see or barely know, it can be good to occasionally evaluate your personal interactions with friends, coworkers and others to see which ones are benefiting you and which ones are dragging you down.

One good rule when pruning your relationships is that you should never choose to invest time in relationships with others who cause you to feel badly about yourself. Even if you aren't particularly close with someone, you should still expect them to treat you with respect.

It can be easy to surround yourself with people who help you create certain perceptions of yourself as someone funny, smart or well-liked. But if those people don't make the effort to include you or acknowledge what you have to contribute to the group, they probably aren't as great of people as your idealized version of them suggests.

In situations like this, sometimes it's best to find another friend group—one that includes you and makes you feel worthwhile. In college, this can be a challenge, especially once you have established a friend group and developed a social routine. But the energy you waste on one-sided, fruitless interactions is too valuable to keep throwing it away. Pruning down

these relationships and making them less of a priority will allow you to invest your time and energy in new relationships that will be much more beneficial in the long run.

Other times you may simply need to speak up and let someone know you're feeling left out or excluded. Don't be afraid to stick up for yourself. Often friends may not even realize that you feel excluded or undervalued, especially if you internalize those feelings and never let them show. Give them a chance to redeem themselves, and they may surprise you.

Sometimes your own commitments and habits need pruning, too. Juniata provides countless opportunities for students to be involved with clubs, community service, sports and other activities, and being involved in these things can be highly fulfilling for students. However, it can be easy to overcommit and become unable to fully engage yourself in any of these activities.

Intentionally limiting your involvement to a few things about which you are truly passionate will allow you to invest much more time and energy in those groups or causes. This can be challenging, especially when you have many passions or interests. But if you limit yourself to a few serious commitments rather than a handful of trivial ones, you will most likely feel a much greater sense of satisfaction as a result.

Pruning your habits, your relationships and your commitments can be painful; taking the metaphor of pruning literally would mean physically cutting off a piece of yourself! But the end result is a richer, more fulfilling and more fruitful life that's well worth the sacrifice.

Quest for inner peace guides 'the evaluation of the Juniata student'



This one is long, but truly worth the read. It's incredibly poetic, and made me really think ... No matter what year in college you are, how has your experience changed you? What have you learned? What have you lost? Who are you now, and who do you hope to be in the future?

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"I wanted peace and quiet, tranquility, but was too much aboil inside." - Ralph Ellison, Invisible Man. It has been damn near three years since I first climbed my way up the stairs of Cloister. Those years now seem as if they were only long, very full days. But changes, the many personnel restructurings that have built and unfinished nebulous maturity seem like those of a century.

I have often thought to myself that if I ever had the misfortune of meeting that student three years ago I would certainly find him obnoxious. He had little interest in his studies and worked only to save the credits for which he paid. He took great pride in holding much liquor and found collecting Marlboro butts in a large pickle jar to be admirably American. (bigger was AL-WAYS better.) The social graces were merely rules to be shattered in a colorful flurry of youthful arrogance. And he even loved a girl from his home town with an innocence and impetuousness that would have done young Romeo proud. But that was three years ago.

Today I still love that same girl, but find myself loving others too. Now I'm no longer a walking affrontery. When I act defiantly at least I have a benign motive. I no longer embalm myself at every available opportunity and I look upon as counter productive to every impulse that life has to offer. Event the bothersome texts become enjoyable at times.

The changes were profound. They come one after the other, continuously, never giving me a chance to cope with all that was new and all that was gone. And though they gave birth to a new, better equipped student, that birth was paid for by the death of the younger self.

Occasionally, the ghost of that younger self rises from his grave to haunt me. Some nights, just as I'm beginning to feel comfortable in my new skin, he rears up and rattles his chains leaving me cold and twisted like a wash

cloth wrung damp.

Oh, I fight him alright. I grab at his hoary throat but my fingers find nothing to choke. I throw rationality at his face but he always manages to skillfully dodged it all. He refuses to be exorcised. But, with great effort, I am able to force him back into his darkness and buy time to cope. While he is gone I regroup, I think of that other me.

Why does he linger? Why must I fight a never ending battle with a deathly spectre from the past? Mostly, during these times, I make sense of little and understand even less, yet through it all, a poignant, nearly instinctive emotion crys out that all is not in vain. That behind that chaos of battle, past the meals and bile vomited up as casualties there lies a purpose and a meaning in the madness. I know that this purpose is not of my creation. Rather, it exists from without

like a grand ideology which demands harsh sacrifices in a circus of personnal dialectics. And in the rare moments when I allow that wave of keen instinct to sweep me close to the Purpose, I begin to see it's shape and substance.

In the end, when my mind has soothed the scars of battle, I am to be a thinker, a master of myself. I grapple with the past today so that I may be free of its shackles tomorrow. So that my mind can leap forward free of any chains and yokes.

Maybe that end will come a year from now when I walk down the stairs of Cloister for the last time. Maybe I will walk down those stairs the thinking product of a Liberal Arts education: An education which assumes that the power within our minds must first be direct against ourselves in a personnal revolution that purges all inner obstacles to its creative potential without.

Transitioning into the unexplored and accepting life's cycle



So this is it for me. Graduation is already here. Wow.

It's daunting, because I'm transitioning into an unexplored part of life that I refer to as "True Adulthood," and with that, hopefully, comes the accomplishment of my dreams.

But honestly, I'm scared of success, because I feel like there is never really a time where life doesn't challenge us and take an opportunity to test our strength, and sometimes the mighty fall.

I don't want to fall anymore. However, I'm more afraid of failure.

I've never spoken out for a cause to get recognition from others, though I do appreciate my voice being heard.

Yet, as I write, or give speeches, or simply be myself, it is intimidating when people say I might inspire them because it validates that someone else is looking up to me. I'll put that extra pressure on myself to do my best because I'm not just looking out for myself, I'm being looked up to, and I don't want to mess up in front

of an audience ... knowing me, I'd probably have a panic attack if that happened anyway.

Still, if I fall, I know I'll get back up because life is full of

I've noticed a change in myself recently in terms of my behavior and I realized I'm just getting back to who I am and starting the cycle all over.

Growing up, I was so quiet and observant that people thought I was mute. I kept to myself, was satisfied with one friend, and enjoyed reading books in my spare

But I was bullied daily and felt the pressure to be perfect. I hit a breaking point in sixth grade and got into a mini fight with one girl that was always messing

By seventh grade, I was tired and fed up and wanted to make more friends and I was okay with getting average grades.

Nine years later, I'm about ready to just go back to what I've known as comforting: solitude.

By nature, I am really unobtrusive and watchful. These personality traits are what I call my behavioral home.

And home feels good.

I grew up in L.A, went away and tried something completely different by coming to rural Pennsylvania, and now I want to go home, though maybe not permanently.

See, I'm starting to believe that everything is a cycle of transi-

There is a forming, storming, norming, and performing stage.

I formed into a quiet child, ended up fighting even though I hate confrontation – so that was my low point - then I "normed out" and balanced school with social life and forced myself to be outgoing. Now I'm comfortable with who I am and I'm about to start performing and building

My depression is similar. In terms of my mood, it's decent, and then I crash and burn for 2-8 weeks. Then I feel a little better and excel, and then it starts all over again.

So this transition cycle plays out in various ways throughout my life, and I'm sure it could in yours as well.

Everything is interconnected and is supposed to happen, though we are not always certain when, why or how.

Whether you're religious or not - I'm just spiritual and believe in a higher power - I think that we are spirits who present ourselves in different forms. We live our lives, and then return to the spirit-state; life and death.

We do not know when we will die, how it will happen or why it will happen when it does. There is complete uncertainty, but in the end, it's just another cycle.

We also do not know when or why we go through our adversities, but it's inevitable.

Yet, hopefully we learn some kind of lesson so we are better people each time we reach a new performing stage.

Therefore, try not to freak out if you stumble or fall, or in my case, crash and burn.

It's okay to "fail," however you may define failure.

Take a risk and don't beat yourself up if things don't go as planned. Just remember and believe that everything has to get better, because the way this cycle works, you have to hit your performing stage at some point.

I want to take a step and thank you for coming on this journey with me and using "Roses and Real Talk" as a guide to challenge your beliefs and/or enlighten

Honestly, I didn't really challenge myself with this last piece that I have the opportunity to write because I just wanted to talk to my audience.

I've definitely grown in the most magnificent ways because of you, my readers. It has been my pleasure to have this platform and come before you in such a vulnerable manner, and having you listen, react and engage with me.

You know, everything works out eventually, it really does. You might not see the results you want exactly when you want it, but just take advantage of every day and every interaction possible. It sounds cliché, but truly the only person that can hold you back from growing mentally or spiritually is yourself.

These four years of college go by so fast and it has undoubtedly been the greatest time of my life thus far. I hope that when you're transitioning into your "True Adulthood" stage, you can look back and say the same thing.

So just don't give up when things get tough. It's okay if you need to take a break and regain your composure before you try again; as I did when I took a break from Juniata after my assault freshman year and then when my mother passed away months later. But I came back stronger and more powerful and accomplished so much.

Yeah, those obstacles in my life completely sucked, and I wouldn't say I'm thankful for them happening, but those events definitely gave me the strength to perform the way that I do now and will continue to in the future.

So this isn't goodbye. It's a thank you, and I'll see you later!

Communicate to reduce tension, resolve conflict with friends



The room is full of people, but there is a sense of uncertainty as you stand there alone. Then, from across the way you see a face smiling back at you. It is friendship at first sight. However, the honeymoon stage does not last and soon conflict occurs. Being friends with someone means that conflict must be handled, but how? Allow me to

Being a friend is never easy. It takes effort, just like every other human relationship, but at times, facing conflict with a friend is more difficult than facing one with a boyfriend or girlfriend or family members. The reason for this could be is because you and your friend are usually so close that upsetting the other, upsets

However, friends should never just let tension build. Rather, friends should talk about things, so that the friendship can become stronger.

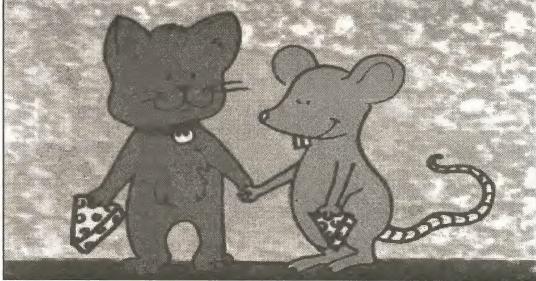
I have learned that being honest with my friends when I am upset about something is the best thing I can do. Talking through conflict relieves the tension and clears the air. But before I talk about anything I think about what I am going to say and when would be an appropriate time to

Close friends should be able to discuss conflict openly and communicate what each person may be doing to upset the other, but beyond that, staying calm helps.

Calmness and directness will remove confusion because the parties are thinking about what they are saying before actually speaking, which will help create a safe environment where people feel comfortable talking. But creating a safe environment also means finding the appropriate moments. If you catch your friend off guard it creates a "bad taste" in the other person's mouth. This means not speaking on instinct, but waiting for oneon-one interaction where both parties are alone.

Beyond that, if the conversation does get heated, be the bigger person and walk away. Walking away and taking some personal space will give both parties time to think things through before discussing things again. Also, friends should not be afraid to give each other space even when things are fine. Spending too much time with each other can cause tension, so taking a breather helps. I give my friends space by going and studying alone. It is a nice time for me to breathe before I text them to come over.

However, if walking away does not help, sometimes having a mediator, such as a teacher, another friend or counselor, could help. Having a mediator allows



person is heard without the need to yell or talk over each other.

Also, just to be fun and help relieve the tension, providing hugs and even food helps. Food has connected my friends and me so many times. It has broken ice as well. Then again, I am a sucker for food and hugs. But in all seriousness, being friend's means that it is okay to make light of bad situations.

However, before making light of bad situations, there needs to be an understanding that each person has said their piece and are over the situation and able to move on. Being able to make jokes about the situation is a sure sign that they are over it. My friend and I make jokes about

It creates equality in the rela- fact we call it the "divorce stage," is also what creates the flow tionship and it ensures that each but being able to do that took time.

After some time, when moving on is possible, do so. Do not rehash the past. Learn from the conflict and move on. Conflicts are just one step in figuring out who the other person is and what to do. This means that as a good friend, once you learn, do not repeat the same action over again.

Also, trust your friend enough to know that they will not repeat things as well. If trusting is not there and the expectation is that they will fail, more issues will occur because friends cannot have a good relationship without trust.

Trust creates an environment where both parties should be able to open ice cream and eat

both people to share their sides. our past issues all the time, in it while crying, if need be. Trust of honest conversation incase anything else does occur. If the same things occur over and over again, sit down and write things out with your friend and make a contract or a list of things that upset you. But also list the positives of the friendship. Focusing on the positives can remind both parties about how far they have come and how meaningful they are to each other.

Overall, when you see that person across the room and you smile, understand that friends have to put effort into the relationship. Building a relationship is difficult and that conflict will occur, it just means that the two people have to put more of themselves into overcoming the conflict.

'Captain America' addresses pertinent societal issues



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Now I'm not a huge fan of the superhero genre in general. This is partly because of its predictable narrative and overkill use of special effects in all films, but also because I was forced as a child to watch them at the cinema instead of my Disney preferences thanks to my demanding younger brother. As such, it is safe to say that I was not overly excited to see the second "Captain America" (2014) installment, but much of what I saw came as a pleasant surprise.

What I found most pleasantly surprising was the complete lack of romance. There was the odd joke thrown in about who the Captain should date next, but aside from that, it was very action based with the female characters actually being permitted to have more of a role than the hero's bed-buddy. In fact, it was the female characters who were the most interesting to watch, especially Scarlett Johansson.

The audience never really gets

a full grip on her identity—she's not the cookie-cut female accomplice of most other superhero movies. Instead, she reminds me of Lara Croft but far less sexualized. Of course, the sexuality that comes with all female superheroes (even if only through their tight-fitting costumes) is still present, but refreshingly, not as the focus.

I also noticed the shift in the narrative focus to the concerns of today's society from the typical hero versus villain to protect/take over the society. "Captain America" is concerned instead with the problems associated with surveillance that, since Snowden and the Pentagon files, has become a huge topic of concern for today's American and indeed Western society.

Marvel appears to attack institutions demanding surveillance, which is interesting in itself. The moment in which Rogers sees the technology and comments, "This isn't freedom. This is fear," illudtrates the production's stance perfectly and remains etched on the viewer's memory.

'Captain America' is hugely concerned with this issue and, more covertly, with the issue of freedom. Should the price of



personal and public safety be placed as the utmost concern even if it is at the cost of our own freedom? The film seemed to suggest that the free choice of the individual, no matter the consequences, is ultimately what we should strive for. Saying this, the film does not condone crime. Instead it suggests that punishment and rehabilitation, or the act of learning (again at both an individual level and as a society) is the real goal and reward.

Another issue the film addresses is what it means to be heroic. Are heroes, as we see them, ever able to be a part of a working society or is society constantly at work to disassociate themselves from heroes out of fear perhaps or maybe a lack of understanding?

As the film came to a close, and by this I am referring to the extra footage shown half way through the credits, it was suggested that this issue was one that the sequel will address—and there will certainly be a sequel. This is what I particularly enjoyed about the film: despite its over-the-top,

often far-too-unrealistic-to-beenjoyed action scenes, it actually made me stop and think.

I found it interesting that it is not a modern American citizen who has to fight this modern battle, but rather one from an age where patriotism was at a high and the concept of what it means to be American was perhaps at its most defined—if it can ever be defined. It is also interesting how, despite the advances Marvel has made in plot themes, this hero remains a white, upper-class, American male, something the superhero genre seems unable to satisfactorily move beyond.

"Captain America" is still your typical Marvel superhero movie, so be prepared. Although it does address all these concerns in far more detail than many before it, it is still 100 percent action oriented. You get all the cringey one-liners and 'epic' scenes and long, over-drawn sequences that are ultimately no more eventful than witnessing a lot of fire and destruction. Despite this, however, it was enjoyable to watch and, like I've prattled on about above, refreshingly thought provoking, even if you do not spend a lot of time on these thoughts.

Ed Sheeran's music and charity work show dedication to fans



Ed Sheeran is an English singer/songwriter and member of Asylum Records. In 2011, his debut album "+" was released. The album contained the songs "The A Team" and "Lego House." In 2012, he won two BRIT awards for Best British Male and British Breakthrough. He also made the transition from a U.K. superstar to a U.S. hotshot in 2012.

Soon after, Sheeran made a guest appearance on Taylor Swift's fourth studio album, "Red." During this time he also wrote songs for One Direction. "The A Team" was nominated for Song of the Year at the 2013 Grammy Awards. He spent much of 2013 touring North America as the opening act for Swift's Red Tour.

His second album, "x," will hit the international market on June 23, 2014. His new single, "Sing," will be covered on the album and was just recently released on April 8, 2014. The single has already been compared to Justin Timberlake's "Like I Love You." The single, produced by Pharrell Williams, is an uptempo departure for Sheeran. It is something completely new for him.

In my opinion, Sheeran has a fragile voice. You can hear this on his past hits like "The A Team" and "Lego House," as I mentioned above. His voice has now morphed into a confident lull with "Sing."

In Billboard's latest cover story, Sheeran said that he owes a lot to Timberlake. He mentioned that he loved "Justified" and "Future Sex/Love Sounds" so much that he took inspiration from those when creating "Sing."

Also revealed in the cover story, "Sing" was not originally designated to be the first single from "x." "Don't," co-produced by Benny Blanco and Rick Rubin, was set to lead the LP. Eventually, "Sing" was decided to be the first look due to the positive impact it had on Sheeran's team members.

I think Sheeran is genius. He is excessively modest and attracts his fans with just an acoustic guitar. He was recently Swift's date on Oscar night and titled, by Williams, as "one of the most impressive, underestimated singer-songwriters of our time." I also feel that he is extremely empathetic. Sheeran has mentioned in the past that he is a huge fan of philanthropy. He has performed numerous concerts for charity.

For example, he performed a show in Bristol that raised money for a charity that reaches out to help street sex workers. Sheeran later commented that these people are real people with real emotions and they deserve the same charity work as anyone else. The tickets to the show were available to those taking part in the charity's "Give it up

for One25" campaign. The participants gave up something for 125 hours and by doing so they helped the charity to hit the £125 fundraising mark (around \$210).

In the early April, Sheeran serenaded a terribly sick girl over the phone. Triona Priestley, was suffering from Cystic Fibrosis when Sheeran made the call. The young Dublin girl's family started a Twitter campaign, #SongForTri, in order to get his attention. Soon after the start of the campaign, Sheeran's management contacted Priestley's family. Sheeran performed her favorite song "Little Bird," a hit off of his record, "+." Soon after Sheeran performed the song, Priestley slipped into a deep sleep and passed at the age of 15.

I feel like some people will be pessimistic about the whole ordeal and say that the only reason he performed the random act of kindness was for a publicity stunt. The truth is, Sheeran and his team could not have picked anything more meaningful to do than to call Priestley. In the end, the only thing that matters is Priestly and her family, and the impact that Sheeran's kindness had on them.

I not only love Sheeran as an artist, but as a human being. He has inspired me, and I am sure he has inspired others. In my opinion, "Sing" is excellent. It is a catchy song and I can guarantee that the rest of "x" will hold up to the current reputation of "Sing." I am excited to watch Sheeran grow as an artist and person.





(Yeah, it's in April...)

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'Eclipse' draws mixed reviews with unique minimalistic style

By ABIGAIL ROSENBERGER

Jonah Bokaer's contemporary dance "Eclipse" was performed in the Suzanne von Liebig Theatre on April 15 and 16, less than 24 hours after the lunar eclipse.

Prior to the second performance, audience members expressed different expectations.

"I feel like it's going to be more of an immersive piece of theater," said junior Megan Smith.

"I heard that it's so confusing that it's not entertaining," said junior Natasha Lane. "It's too abstract, it's too out there I guess for people to understand, therefore people don't want to watch it. At least, that's what someone said to me."

As for me, I had mixed expectations. By looking at the posters that hung around campus advertising the event, "Eclipse" appeared to focus a lot on its use of lighting. However, I was concerned about how that aspect would translate to Juniata's facilities.

Fortunately, I was not let down. Walking into the theater, I saw rows of lights hanging at various heights from the ceiling. At one side of the room, there was one light just a foot or two off the ground. In front of that light, there was a row of two lights about a foot higher. The pyramid pattern continued for a few rows before tapering back

down to one light, forming a diamond shape above the dance floor.

Instead of a traditional stage with seats on one side, the performing area was a large square of black carpet surrounded by an area where the audience could sit or stand.

There was additional seating in the catwalk above the stage so the show could be viewed from above. I started off the show sitting directly below the highest light, waiting with anticipation for the lights to go out and the show to begin.

Before the performance began, we were informed that we could move around the theater at will as long as we did not pass through the performing area.

Though it was a little awkward to walk around, the chance to see the way the lights looked from each angle added to the viewing experience.

From my initial position, the stage looked like a sea of lights, but from the opposite location across the dance floor, it looked like the lights were sloping up a hill, and from the corners where the lights were the lowest it looked like a slanted blanket of lights.

The performance began with a single light bulb struggling to illuminate the spacious room. The whirring sound of a projector hummed in our ears as we watched, transfixed on the man circling the lonely light. This dancer, was Jonah Bokaer, who directed and choreographed the piece and played the most active role, dancing, walking, spinning and gesturing around the lights.

As he spun around the delicate dangling orbs, he would touch one that was not illuminated with his hands, face or knee, and it would respond by lighting up. He continued turning on the lights until the entire lower row in the back of the theater was illuminated.

The four other performers in the piece stood silently in the background, sometimes behind the audience and moved slowly into view. Even though Bokaer commanded the audience's attention with his bold yet fluid movements and the sound of his feet hitting the ground, it was mesmerizing to watch the background performers. They would move at the same time, in similar directions, but with different final positions. The movements were robotic and abstract making it difficult to decipher their intended meaning.

As the performers moved around the bulbs, the lights transferred from off to on and off again in a slow wave, an apparent reference to the performance's title, "Eclipse." The transfer was so slow that at times it was difficult to follow.

The dance movements were often very slow as well. In the first two movements the dancers repeatedly moved into different poses and stayed there for a few moments. In fact, it was sometimes hard to see when a dancer entered or left the stage because they moved so slowly they often went unnoticed.

When I talked to other audience members after the show, it became apparent that there was really no one way to interperet the performance.

"From the first angle, looking at the lights coming up, it looksed like a power struggle, but by the end when looking at it from above, I thought it was more enlightenment than a power struggle," said senior Jess Matlack.

"I didn't know anything that was happening," said sophomore Timothy Hess. "I really didn't understand any of it."

"Eclipse was the most unique and mesmerizing show that I have seen during my three years as a JC Presents ticket holder," said Mike Pennington. "It was an amazing cultural experience."

Regardless of what the message was, the simplicity of the play was astounding. Because the play was performed without traditional music and the performers used grey costumes, the dancers had to make their movements come alive. There was no

way for audience members to get caught up in the music or costumes and formulate their opinions of the piece based on those features.

Rather, it was the way the dancers interacted with the light and dark space, with each other and with themselves that brought the piece to life.

It was refreshing to see a piece driven by choreography and expression rather than relying on music to fuel the audience's engagement.

That being said, if you are looking for an action-filled performance with a direct, literal meaning, this production is probably not for you. While the performance was certainly interesting and thought provoking, it required a great deal of attention. I was captivated by the piece, but its minimalistic style did cause my mind to wander from time to time.

Personally, I think the reason I enjoyed the show was because of the way I took the time to soak up every detail of the performance by looking at the stage from all possible perspectives.

But for those people not looking for a piece that had a meaning so abstract they may never understand it, I realize how the performance may have felt frustratingly confusing. Though beautifully fascinating, "Eclipse" was truly unique.

Great Dragon: the better option for Huntingdon Chinese food



For bar food, there's Boxer's. For a "fancy" experience, there's Mimi's. For Mexican food, there's State College. But for Chinese food, there's the Great Dragon AND the Jumbo China Buffet. That's two Chinese buffets in Huntingdon, which is two more than one might expect. That creates the unique situation of actually needing to choose which restaurant to go to, a treat for college students looking to escape from the monotony of on-campus dining options.

Deciding on either is sort of like biting the bullet, because both have allegedly had health code violations. Knowing this, cleanliness and knowing exactly what it is that you're eating should not be deciding factors when choosing one of these local establishments.

Those things aside, once you're ready and perhaps craving to bite the Chinese buffet bullet, pick the Great Dragon, aka "the one over by Giant," rather than the Jumbo China Buffet, aka "the one over by Walmart."

Two things are noticeable right away upon entering the Great Dragon. First, it smells like paint, so that's a little disappointing

But, second, the staff is very kind and friendly, which is less true of the Jumbo China Buffet where the staff seems to gossip about the customers, assuming that no one will notice just because they're speaking Chinese. If you're looking for a buffet experience in which you won't feel uncomfortable and judged, pick the Great Dragon.

The restaurant itself could possibly be cleaner and more appealing. Then again, most Chinese buffets could probably be cleaner and more appealing. Americanized Chinese food is appealing enough to make up for the questionable appearance of most Chinese buffets.

In fact, the Great Dragon only appears to be dirty. A more thorough inspection reveals that there actually does not seem to be anything particularly offensive to health regulations.

The supposed tale of the dogwashing in the sink of the Great Dragon kitchen is almost certainly a rumor. The kitchen and sink are fully visible from the entrance and dining area; it would be hard to get away with having a dog in the sink.

The buffet experience at the Great Dragon is a typical one, apart from the smell of paint. You can order a drink and then go to the buffet bar. The food offered is also typical of a Chinese buffet: lots of chicken, rice, broccoli, chicken, some other kind of meat (pork?), noodles and especially chicken.

Initially, the food was a bit dry, particularly the rice and the fried foods. However, once the buffet was refilled the fresh food was delicious. The fried rice and General Tso's chicken are particularly good. The Chinese donuts are sugary enough to be American.

Do not be alarmed that the food is unidentified. The labels are hard to read, but are above each dish on the overhanging glass shield. They are a little faded and might not actually be lined up with the correct platters, but the staff is friendly enough and willing to identify anything unidentifiable.

The Great Dragon also offers an excellent menu. Ordering off of the menu helps avoid some of the unappealing aspects of a buffet, in particular the issue of eating old, dry food. Menu food is always fresh and delicious.

The menu is even available online (how modern!) and the restaurant delivers orders to campus, but only to campus.

However, the buffet is always the best part of a Chinese buffet, even if it is less fresh than menu items. The Great Dragon is a perfect last place to ever travel to—should you find yourself needing to choose a Huntingdon Chinese buffet in which to eat until you die.

Without question, die at the Great Dragon: it offers a friendly staff, good food—so long as it's fresh—and a sort of clean eating environment, which is good enough when it comes to a Chinese buffet.



Juniata men's athletics dominate Power Rankings

By SAM E. GARY

As the 2013-2014 academic year nears its end, so do the sports seasons. The top five sports teams for the 2013-2014 year were selected based on both achievement and improvement.

1. Men's Volleyball

After spending time at the top of the AVCA Top 15 Coaches Poll, Juniata's men's volleyball team tops the list. The Eagles earned their way into the national tournament by defeating conference foe Stevenson in the Continental Volleyball Conference championship. The No. 3 Eagles host No. 6 Kean on Friday, April 25 at 8:00 p.m.

Despite a mid-season coaching change, the team finished the season 27-4. Four players were named to all-conference teams, including junior outside hitter and conference MVP Paul Kuhn. Head Coach Pat Shawaryn attributed the team's success to its experience. "The whole team was back from last season. If it wasn't for our senior class, I don't know if we would have had this much success," said Shawaryn.

The Eagles are looking to win their seventh Division III national championship. "This year has been such an incredible year. With the coaching change, things got a little rough, but as a team we were able to come together. It's time to win the national championship. We're hungry and ready to go. If we play the best ball of our lives like we did (against Stevenson) no one is going to stop us," said Kuhn.

2. Men's Tennis

After going 13-7 last year, the Juniata Men's Tennis team has

improved to 16-1 this season. Men's tennis was undefeated until the team fell to Gettysburg College 6-3 in the last match of the regular season. The team finished dual singles play with an 88-13 record and dual doubles play with a 37-14 record.

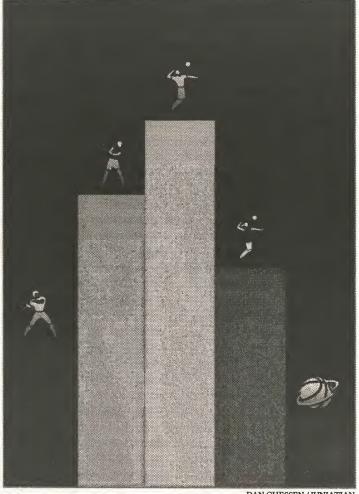
"The guys have done a good job of playing up to their potential. Our goal is to get better every day. This year's team really devoted themselves to getting better," said Head Coach Jason Cohen. The team is powered by Dean Polisena and Justin Wisniewski. The 1, 2 tandem has combined for a 32-2 dual singles record.

Cohen attributes the team's breakout season to their hard work and focus. "Our mindset is a huge part of it. There were matches that we should have lost, but they come together and play well when they need to. Everyone on the team has the same goal, and that's the reason we've been so successful," said Cohen.

3. Women's Volleyball

The lone women's team on the list is the women's volleyball team. The Lady Eagles ended their season with a 31-5 record after an early exit in the Division III national tournament. Still, the team reached its 33rd consecutive Division III national tournament, spent eight weeks in the AVCA national poll, and finished the season ranked No. 14 in the country. Additionally, the team won its seventh straight Landmark Conference Champi-

"With a pretty young group, we had a 31-5 record. It's not the end goal, but it's nothing to sneeze at. We beat some top ranked teams, so I feel that we are making progress. Only one



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team gets to end their season with a win. It wasn't meant to be this year," said Head Coach Heather Pavlik.

Six players earned all-conference honors, including the regional freshman of the year, Kelly Reynolds. Pavlik was also named regional coach of the year.

4. Football

After being picked to finish seventh in the Centennial Conference, the Eagles had a historic turnaround season that ended with a heartbreaking loss to Albright in the ECAC Southwest Bowl game. The team finished 7-4, just three years after its dreadful 0-10 season, and it earned its highest win total since 1990.

"The team demonstrated that the greatest power is choice, and they chose to be remembered. This group of Juniata men understood that no one is greater than the team. It was 'big team, little me.' They played for each other and played to their capabilities, and they will be remembered for a long time for putting this football program back to respectability," said third year Head Coach Tim Launtz after leading the team to its first postseason berth since 1973.

Launtz gained the respect of his peers, having been named the

Centennial Conference Coach of the Year, as did several of his players, including senior defensive lineman Brandon Felus. Felus was named an All-American and ranked 13th nationally in sacks, and 27th in tackles for loss.

5. Men's Basketball

The Juniata Men's Basketball team rounds out this year's power rankings at number five. After winning the Doc Greene Tournament and the Juniata Holiday Tournament, the men's basketball team looked as if it were on pace for a record season. However, the team posted a 5-6 record through its next 11 games, and left itself scratching and clawing for a postseason berth. The Eagles barely missed the conference tournament, but the team went on to win its second consecutive ECAC Tournament Championship.

"Our biggest goal is to become the best team we can become and play the best basketball that we are capable of, and I think we accomplished both of those. Without question, it was a great success. If the measure of a team is what they are when they play their best, we would be pretty hard to beat," said Head Coach Greg Curley.

The team was led by seven seniors who racked up 69 wins throughout their careers, the most in Juniata history.

"We have been a band of brothers. We do everything together, and we are as close as close can be. We have been in it since the beginning, and we wanted to finish it out together. Our goal is to always be the best when the best is needed, and to be the best team by the end of the season," said senior point guard Jeremy Hays.

Northwestern's union vote pushes NCAA for athlete's interests

OPINION

By SCOTT ANDREWS

In the 1930s and 1940s, unions were first formed in response to corporate greed and the abuse of power by large corporations. Similarly, the recent move to unionize football players at Northwestern University attempts to counter the arbitrary and capricious actions of the NCAA towards scholarship athletes at major football universities.

The NCAA does not answer to anyone and exerts almost unlimited power. The recent case at Penn State and the extreme punishments levied against the football team exemplify this abuse of power by the NCAA.

Division I football players are treated like slave laborers; their day to day lives are completely controlled by the football coaches and the university. Their voices are also suppressed, whether it be by limiting what players can say on twitter or steering the questions and answers that players provide to reporters. The NCAA does little to prevent these situations.

Even Juniata does this to a limited degree, as all interviews with student-athletes must be scheduled through the Sports Information Office. Studentathletes do not have to answer questions they find argumentative or they simply do not want to answer.

When incoming freshmen sign their letter of intent, they effectively sign away all of their rights. Players are not allowed to profit off of things like autographs, as was the case with Johnny Manziel, who was suspended for the first half of a game because the NCAA thought that he sold autographs for money. Is that such a heinous crime?

The NCAA, despite being a "non-profit" organization, made \$912.8 million last year. The NCAA and its members say that they equip more than 450,000 student-athletes with skills to succeed on the playing field, in the classroom and throughout life, but how many student-athletes are in school to focus on their academics?

While players cannot openly voice their opinions on certain matters, fans have been able to speak for them, as was the case when the NCAA's president Mike Emmert appeared on the Mike and Mike talk show. Fans took to twitter and bashed the president and NCAA on their practices and policies.

One twitter user tweeted "how much wood could a woodchuck chuck if a woodchuck profited off the work of unpaid labor under the guide of amateurism?" Another twitter user asked "when you argue this stuff in private, do you always end up yelling, 'We're the ranchers! They're the cattle!' or only sometimes?"

Consider the fact that when a team wins a national title or a conference championship, the coaches and athletic director likely receive a bonus, profiting off the players who receive nothing in return.

Now, Northwestern University football will face a union vote on April 25, where if more than 50 percent vote for a union, the university will be required to negotiate wages and benefits with the players.

Before the players could even vote on the matter, the National Labor Relations Board had to decide whether the players were indeed employees and thus able to organize as a union. The NLRB sided with the players, however the legal challenge still remains on whether or not it is proper for football players to be classified as "employees."

The NLRB's website describes itself as "an independent federal agency vested with the power to safeguard employees' rights to organize and to determine whether to have unions as their bargaining representative. The agency also acts to prevent and remedy unfair labor practices committed by private sector employers and unions."

I am lucky enough to have a labor lawyer for a father, who deals with unions on a daily basis. He explained that football players do not fit the traditional definition of employees, which are usually paid wages and are able to be fired by their employ-

The fact that a football player at Northwestern, the only private school in the Big Ten, receives the equivalent of \$59,000 per year in scholarship money is a valid argument that these players are employees. The \$59,000 in scholarship funds players receive is more than most people in the United States make in annual salaries.

Northwestern University is opposed to the idea of the players forming a union, asserting that players cannot be both students and employees, but that is just not the case.

Players spend hours in meetings and on the practice field representing their school, much like a student with a part-time job. Graduate assistants are another example of student employees. They work for the school while also taking classes and receiving

Perhaps the union vote at Northwestern will be the wakeup call the NCAA and universities need to better protect their student athletes' rights and in-

Shawaryn leads volleyball to No. 3 seed in national tournament

By Lauren Lesser

Juniata's men's volleyball team earned its second consecutive Continental Volleyball Conference (CVC) championship title and will be the No. 3 seed in the NCAA Division III National Tournament, hosted on their home court, beginning April 25.

"We kind of take our goals step by step. Our first goal in the year is usually to win the conference tournament. We like to control our destiny as much as possible. We don't like to put in other people's hands," said senior libero Ben Krouse. "Winning the conference tournament was a very big sigh of relief for us. Now we can focus on the overarching goal of winning a national championship."

The team defeated Stevenson, a team they had previously lost to during the regular season, in the championship match the CVC tournament. This win earned the Eagles an automatic berth into the national tournament.

"Energy is obviously pretty high right now. We played the best we played all year, and that's the kind of team we need to be coming up," said Head Coach Pat Shawaryn. "If we're going to push and get our goal, that's what we need to do if not more."

Shawaryn acknowledges that last year's appearance at the national tournament will also be of great benefit to the team. "Having everyone already done it once makes life a lot easier.

Being in the tournament before, there's kind of a bittersweet taste for a lot of them. We almost over communicated with them last year. So this year, I'm trying to keep it real relaxed, more enjoying the moment," said Shawaryn.

"We're happy on where we stand in the bracket, and we're really looking forward to taking it out of other people's hands," said Krouse. "We want to control our destiny and where we end up at the end of the season, and I truly think this is the team to

The players identify that going into the tournament, the overall mood of the team is one of excitement and determination to perform. "Everyone is really excited. It takes a lot of heart and a lot of drive to really push through those days and still keep focus on what the short term goal is," said Krouse.

Junior outside hitter Justin Waldorf elaborates that some of this excitement comes from the advantage of playing in the national tournament on their home court. "We're all super focused right now. We're coming home now and have our fans behind us, and we're really looking forward to it," said Waldorf. "Our crowd is like the seventh man all the time. When we have regular season games it's great, but the fact that this is the national championship is so exciting."

Shawaryn adds that all the little things that come with playing at home will help create a more relaxed atmosphere for the



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Sophomore Chad Albert spikes the ball over Thiel in the home match on March 25. The No. 3 Eagles will be hosting the NCAA Division III championships beginning April 24.

team. "Being able to not sleep in a hotel and not worry about meals--you don't think about it, but that takes a giant toll," said Shawaryn. "The added pressure of getting on the road is gone."

Both the players and coach suggest the potential of the team, regardless of the situations they are put in. "When we're in system and keep doing the little things right, I don't know if there's a team in the country that can beat us. It's the out of system stuff that, if we stay sharp on that end, we're pretty dangerous in," said Shawaryn.

"We said it all year that this is

the year. We have a solid group of guys, everyone is playing for the guy to the left and to the right of them, and I couldn't be happier with the way our team has responded with adversity with Coach Moore leaving and Coach Pat stepping in. It's truly an honor to play for this team," said Krouse.

Krouse also identifies the need and want of the team to get a national championship title under their belts. "For me, it's my last year and that's something I've been wanting to do since my freshman year. I'm sure my other seniors can agree in saying that and even some of the younger guys are kind of on wits end already. It's about time that Juniata gets to the top of the pole on the volleyball side of things," said Krouse.

The team will be preparing for the competition in the days leading up to the tournament and will make their appearance on April 25 at 8 p.m. in the Kennedy Sports and Recreation

"The guys are playing well. I'm just hoping we didn't peak two weeks too early. We just have to make sure we're focused and not looking too far ahead. Right now all that really matters is Friday," said Shawaryn.

Travel policy questions atheltes' responsibility, limits freedoms

The choice to become an NCAA Division III athlete has its perks. As the largest NCAA division in the number of athletes and the number of schools, over 170,000 students participate in DIII athletics. These students are able to take part in a competitive athletic environment as well as build on academic experience on campus.

The primary focus for DIII student-athletes are academ-

ics. The division pushes athletes to a central goal of graduation; the practices are shorter, as are the playing seasons and regional competitions, to prevent focus from being taken from academic studies. Student athletes are meant to be fully integrated into the campus and not treated any differently than other students.

However, choosing athletics

on Saturdays. With practice on Friday afternoons and bus rides to and from competition on Saturdays, there is not always room to go home on Saturday nights.

Having these athletic competitions can be beneficial. Just like in high school, someone's family members or friends come to every athletic competition. In the past, if an athlete's parents send

the new changes to the travel and transportation policy. The first change is no big deal: the request for permission must be made a "minimum of 24 hours in advance." As long as the athlete is not forgetful, this should be no big deal.

The second change is that the student must provide written consent from a parent or guardian. Providing written proof that one will not be leaving the event via transportation provided by the College is relevant. Because

coaching, having documentation of who will and will not be coming back on the bus can prevent chaos and panic.

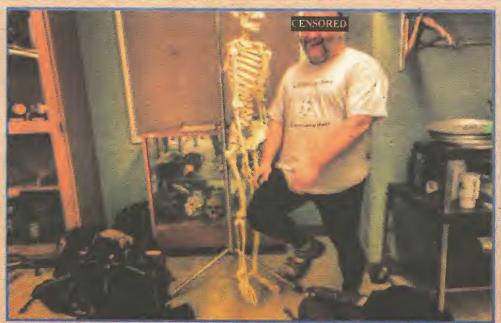
The final change made to the policy states that "the student travels only with their parent(s) or guardian(s)." Exceptions to the travel policy require approval from the Athletic Director.

Coming to college is meant to be one of the first big steps to becoming a mature adult. By this point in the school year, most or all athletes are 18 years of age or older. In the eyes of the law, these student-athletes are legal adults. Being a legal adult should entail the ability to take responsibility for oneself. After all, you do not need a parent or guardian's permission to sign the NCAA participant form once you are 18 years or older.

Yes, a college does take responsibility for the studentathlete when he or she is traveling with the team. But is it fair to hinder the athlete's ability to take responsibility of his or herself? If a 40-year-old man needs to leave a business trip early, his manager will not request that his parents send in written consent and come pick him up.

Despite the fact that studentathletes are not 40-year-old business men, they are still adults and should be afforded the same respect as other adults.





After shaking his head in wonderment at Juniata's newfangled fashion trends this year, Dr. Randy Bennett, professor of biology, recently came to appreciate the functionality and coziness of yoga pants.

"Not only are the tights very comfortable, but if fashion trends continue in the direction of the past couple of years, we may finally be able to offer a human anatomy class at Juniata simply by using the new outdoor classroom to examine the students walking by," said Bennett.

After fleshing out a post-mortem feline vasectomy at the anatomy lab, Bennett, pictured above, agreed to model his new gear for *The Juniatian* in an exclusive shoot that occurred on Wednesday, April 23.

According to Bennett, the tights, provided by editor Wyatt Hall, would have been far "sexier" if a medium rather than large pair had been purchased. *The Juniatian* regrets this error.



IC DESKMATCH!

According to a recent survey, 97.3 percent of the student body, including faculty, retired faculty, the founding fathers (pretty much everyone except for Stephen Hawking), gave the Coversationalist a standing ovation over the Tiny Ninja. The Tiny Ninja is so uncomfortably tight that it not only reduces sperm count, but it also leaves little room for any possible brain function. 15 students have filed restraining orders on the Tiny Ninja. Complaints range from bruised funnybones to busted kneecaps to feelings of extreme claustrophobia. The Conversationalist finished the Tiny Ninja, ending in **FATALITY**.

The Apocryphal Syllabi

Lo! The apocalypse is nigh upon us! The Oracle has read the omens and decreed the end of days!

Researchers looking into prophecies of Armageddon stumbled upon a collection of documents stored for almost four months now in a dark corner of a dorm room. They are calling these revolutionary documents "The Apocryphal Syllabi." The team of researchers, led by New Jersey native Connie "Alfredo" Spiratori, have spent the last several weeks decoding the apocrypha they uncovered. Just last week, however, they released their results to the mainstream media whereupon absolutely no trustworthy news source picked up the story.

According to Spiratori, "The prophecy contained in the Syllabi indicate, to us at least, that the beginning of the end will start on May 5."

Spiratori wove elements of popular Christian theology into his interpretation of the Syllabi, citing the book of Revelations, chapter six. "You see, in the Judeo-Christian tradition," said Spiratori, "there are four horsemen that ride across the earth at the end of days. Those horsemen are War, Evil, Famine, and Death. However, the Syllabi tell of a different four horsemen, they are Procrastination, Plagiarism, Under-performance and Napping."

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"Yeah!" said Spiratori, clearly excited about the subject material. "This place will be Hell on earth in just a few short weeks and that hell will be guided in by the Syllabi's Four Horsemen."

"In the beginning of the semester, it was totally unclear to us that Hell was so close at hand. But now, as the omens grow stronger, it is becoming clearer that the end is nigh," said Spiratori.



A case of the Mondays...

Does it qualify?

& the Wednesdays...

German House Celebration Results in French House debacle House Coordinator Curtis Sherwood sustains baguette related injuries

by Wyatt Hall

What began as a German House celebration quickly escalated into bloody burets and bruised egos once a member of the French House took offense to a cultural misunderstanding. As classes came to a close last week, members of Haus Wanderlust took to the streets to celebrate in the form of parading, drinking and sauerkraut throwing.

As the party of seven passed by the French House on their way to East, a member of the French House yelled an undisclosed slur out the window to the crowd. Displeased, but not yet angry, the German House residents responded by throwing a few handfuls of sauerkraut at the house. The French House members, being particular about food preference, took the throwing of spoiled cabbage at their house as a sign of the utmost disrespect. Reports of "Ta Mere" being called out in response to the kraut throwing ultimately led to a sudden and fiercely violent attack to the French House and residents inside.

The German House Blitzkreig met little resistance as the French were late to the fight, and shockingly, the French were defeated on their home soil. "We were all napping at the time, as is our 3:30 p.m. custom." said French House resident Joel Slaff. "Because violence is so uncharacteristically German, I was taken aback. And once I realized that my house was occupied, I decided to give up and smoke un club."

One French house resident reported that the German House "spooned Nutella between my toes while they read the Volkswagen owners manual out loud in German!" She sustained slight eardrum injuries from the

accents.

We had the opportunity to ask one resident of the German House what was going through his head at the time of the attack. "As I was beating a Frenchman down with my sausage, I remember him shouting German at me, attempting an insult." Sven Koetterjohann recalled after the battle. "He said 'du bist eine Scheide Frau!' but the offensive tone didn't quite match the translation of being called a wet kitten."

A sense of calm has since returned to campus and the French were able to reclaim their colors on the flagpole. This incident should remind students on campus to be tolerant of other people's cultures, except for the Germans. If you do not, you may find yourself at the butt of a tasteless and entirely fictional joke. Salute.

<u>THUMBS UP, THUMBS DOWN</u>



Thumbs up to Dr. Lauren Bowen winning the Gibbel Award for her potential in making notable contributions toward strengthening the student experience. Hopefully she'll live up to this Nobel Prize more than Obama did when it came to making a decision on the Keystone XL.



Thumbs down to the lack of participation in student evaluations. If we acted on half of what we whine about maybe we'd be getting our money's worth.



Thumbs up to mom and dad paying for the new outdoor classroom; thumbs down to the Class of 2014 for taking credit for it.



Thumbs down to Juniata for scheduling Philanthropy Day on April 15. Because everyone knows we all want to hand out more money on Tax Day?

Hunting-don Trophy Kills of the Week

